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Cars line up for curbside voting, while other voters form queues at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe yesterday, the last day of the early voting on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. Today, Tuesday, thousands are expected to troop to polling places in the CNMI to cast their votes in the general elections.
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## 99 CANDIDATES FOR 48 POSITIONS

# 'Exercise your right to vote'

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While the November 2020 general election was out of the ordinary due to COVID-19 pandemic restrictions and many have had their work hours cuts or been furloughed, this year's poll also promises to be extraordinary in that it will feature what is considered the biggest election in CNMI history, with a record number of voters choosing from 99 candidates who are seeking to occupy 48 positions, including the top positions of governor, lieutenant governor, and delegate.

**» 15,559 registered voters make election biggest in NMI history**

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## 11 naturalized in time for Veterans Day

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The U.S. District Court for the NMI swore in 11 new U.S. citizens yesterday, just in time for the national celebration of Veterans Day on Friday.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona administered the oath of citizenship for the 11 new Americans in a special naturalization ceremony yesterday. They are Emily Corpuz Balboa, Helene Ritos Conde, Devina Lantican Esteves, Rowena Ibarra Jocson, You Jin Jun, Wilailuk

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, House of Representatives Speaker Edmund S. Villagomez (Ind-Saipan), Sen. Vinnie Vinson F. Sablan (R-Saipan), Public Works Secretary James Ada, and Fr. Rey Rosal lead lawmakers and Northern Marianas Housing Corp. officials in the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the DPW Road and Drainage Improvement Project in Oleai yesterday morning.
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## Project aims to solve San Jose Church flooding

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and officials of the Department of Public Works and Northern Marianas Housing Corp. led the ribbon-cutting ceremony for a road and drainage improvement project in front of the San Jose Church in Oleai that aims to solve the area's perennial flooding.

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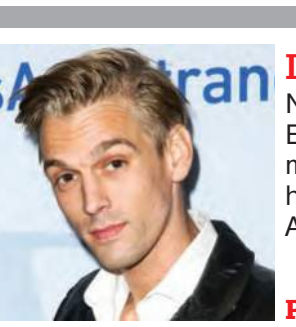

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# Local

# Shopping spree signals preparations for Toys for Tots

First lady Diann Torres and Marines from the U.S. Marine Corps Base Camp Blaz have begun the Christmas holiday spirit with a shopping spree in preparation for this year›s Toys for Tots distribution on Dec. 16.

"This is one of the many charitable programs that I strongly support and I am excited that this year's campaign has begun," said Torres. "The holiday season is a time that our community members come together and support worthy causes such as the annual Toys for Tots Campaign and I look forward to another successful year bringing joy to our children."

U.S. Marine Corps Maj. Diann Rosenfeld, who is the Toys for Tots lead coordinator for Guam and the CNMI, is thankful for the continued partnership with the CNMI community.

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Together with various government offices, the Lady Diann Torres Foundation takes the lead in the annual Toys for Tots Campaign, in partnership with the U.S. Marine Corps Base Camp Blaz.

"We are proud to be a supporter of the CNMI and the relationship the Toys for Tots Foundation has built with the community," said Rosenfeld. "Each year our goal is to make a difference in a child's life and it's the supporters of Toys for Tots who make that possible."

Together with various government offices, the Lady Diann Torres Foundation takes the lead in the annual Toys for Tots Campaign, in partnership with the U.S. Marine Corps Base Camp Blaz.

The campaign started strong in 2019 with over 2,100 toys collected and distributed on all three islands. While the pandemic environment presented challenges, the Toys for Tots Campaign in the CNMI successfully distributed 3,500 toys in 2020 and 3,602 in 2021 to children on Saipan, Tinian and Rota.

To donate to the campaign, newly purchased, unwrapped toys may be delivered to any of the following drop-off locations:

- Lady Diann Torres Foundation: (670) 284-3970
- Commonwealth Bureau of Military Affairs: (670) 483-1812
- CNMI Women's Affairs Office: (670) 783-5477

The drive-thru distribution of toys will be at the Office of the Governor on Capital Hill on Friday, Dec. 16, 2022, beginning at 6pm until supplies last.

The Marine Toys for Tots Foundation is a not-for-profit charity with a 75-year history. Last year the Marine Toys for Tots Program fulfilled the holiday hopes and dreams of 8.8 million less fortunate children in over 800 communities nationwide by distributing 22.4 million toys. Since 1947 over 289 million children have been assisted and 627 million toys distributed. For more information, visit www.toysfortots.org. ***(PR)***

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## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### SINMI monthly meeting on Thursday

The Soroptimist International Chapter of the Northern Mariana Islands will hold its monthly luncheon meeting on Thursday, Nov. 10, at noon. The restaurant location is the Grand Vrio Hotel, top floor. ***(PR)***

### Youth Congress session on Saturday

The 18th CNMI Youth Congress will convene its first day, 10th regular session on Saturday, Nov. 19, 2022, at 11am in the House of Representatives chamber. ***(PR)***

# Prohibition of alcohol sales in the CNMI on Election Day

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, through the Office of the Secretary of Commerce, is giving notice to the public that the sale of alcoholic beverages is prohibited today, which is Election Day.

This prohibition shall apply from 7am to 7pm, Nov. 8, 2022.

In a news release yesterday, Torres said that an on-sale or off-sale licensee shall not sell or serve alcoholic beverages on any island where an election is in progress during the hours when the polls are required by law to be opened for voting, except as otherwise provided, in accordance with 4 CMC, Subsection 5557(a).

However, this alcohol ban shall not apply to on-sale licensees operating within the sterile passenger holding areas in commercial airports, hotels, hotel resorts, golf resorts, casino resorts, and on Managaha Island, in accordance with 4 CMC, Subsection 5557(b).

To report a violation, contact the Department of Commerce, ABTC Division Hotline at (670) 285-1821. All calls received are handled confidentially and anonymously. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

# Japanese professors meet with PAMC on Japan plan to dump nuclear wastewater

Two Japanese professors arrived on Tinian on Nov. 2, 2022, to meet with members of the Pacific Alliance of Municipal Councils, who launched an online petition protesting the discharging of nuclear fallout cleanup waste water from Fukushima, Japan into the Pacific Ocean.

Dr. Seichiro Takemine of Meisei University and Dr. Hiroko Takahashi of Hana University, Japan, were interested in finding out the plans and goals of PAMC and assist in networking with other organizations and groups in Japan and to bring this issue into the global arena.

The petition can be accessed at https://www.change.org/p/no-to-nuclear-waste-dumping- into-the-pacific-ocean.

In the meeting, PAMC vice president Juanita Masga Mendiola shared that the alliance's ultimate goal is to bring this matter to the attention of the United Nation. While the PAMC members are realistic that they may not achieve such a goal, the incidental goal of bringing awareness of the potential threat to the environment and people's lives may be greater than the scientists' findings.

Mendiola went on to say that there is no scientific method to study future pollutants impacting environmental conditions that may negatively interact with the remaining contaminants—no matter how miniscule— in the nuclear wastewater and that, in and of itself, is the greatest threat to all living beings on earth.

"It is enough that climate change due to pollution output hasn't been fully addressed by world leaders. We need to push forth and prevent this from happening as this is not only a Japanese or Pacific Islanders' issue. There are nuclear energy plants in other countries and permitting Japan to do this will more likely than not end up a normal practice in other countries. We need to make sure that those who aren't born yet don't ever get to that point," Mendiola added.

The two professors brought letters of introduction and invitation for online meetings from groups and organizations who have heard of the petition and they hope that each member of the Tinian and Northern Marianas leadership will send a message or join the meetings.

They also recommended that going through the United Nations' Human Rights Council may be the best way to route this issue to the UN General Assembly.

Besides Mendiola, other members of the PAMC are president Jim Atalig, secretary/treasurer Jonovan Lizama, and William Taitano of the Rota Municipal Council; Ana Demapan Castro, Antonia Tudela, and Daniel Aquino of the Saipan & Northern Islands Municipal Council; and Joseph E. Santos and Thomas P. Mendiola of the Tinian & Aguiguan Municipal Council. ***(PR)***

# MVA invites public designers for Mini Christmas Village

Cash prizes await the winners of the Marianas Visitors Authority's Mini Christmas Village contest, and registration is now being accepted.

Cash prizes of $2,000 for first place, $1,500 for second place, and $1,000 for third place will be awarded for the top entries of the contest, which will create a village scene at Garapan Fishing Base on Saipan as part of the MVA's annual Christmas in the Marianas celebration.

"This is the first time we are inviting the public to make a display for a mini Christmas village," said MVA Community Projects manager Martin Duenas. "Along with our Christmas lights and sculptures and evening activities on Saturdays, it's going to be a festive site for both visitors and residents to enjoy throughout the holiday season. Sign up today to join the competition!"

Participants will be provided a 4'x4' wooden structure to decorate. Slots will be provided on a first-come, first-serve basis.

For more information or a Christmas Mini-Village application, contact MVA Community Projects Specialist Jack Aranda at jaranda@mymarianas.com or 1.670.664.3200/1.

This year's Christmas in the Marianas celebration on Dec. 3, 10, and 17 and Jan. 7 is once again organized by the MVA in cooperation with the CNMI Public School System, private schools, PDM Promoters, and Pacific Development Inc.

With the enthusiastic participation of schools again, this year's activities will include Christmas caroling, skits, costumes, and student-decorated Christmas trees. A Christmas float parade will also be held on Dec. 17 after sunset through downtown Garapan.

On Rota, a contest for the best decorated house will be held. On Tinian a contest for best decorated building will be held in two categories: residential and business/government office, and a children's caroling and costume contest will be held.

For Rota events, contact MVA Field Operations supervisor David Atalaig at datalig@mymarianas.com or 532-0327. On Tinian, contact MVA Field Operations supervisor Vida Borja at vborja@mymarianas.com or 433-9365. ***(MVA)***


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# VOTE

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Thousands of voters—many of them back to their regular work hours and no longer required to wear face masks when they troop to polling places today—have already cast their votes on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota for early voting that ended yesterday. All three candidates for governor have already availed of the early voting process.

Commonwealth Election Commission executive director Kayla S. Igitol assured yesterday that they are prepared for the general election today, Tuesday.

"My message to the voters: Come out and exercise your right to vote. To[day] is a big day; it's Election Day," Igitol said.

Voting places will open at 7am and close at 7pm. Tabulation and counting of ballots will follow at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres yesterday urged everyone to come out, vote, and make their voice heard. "Look at the facts. Look at who's been here during disaster, who's the individual that [shows] true leadership, what progress has been made," Torres said. He said people should look at those facts versus political innuendos or misinformation. The governor said people should look at the facts on who's been with the front-liners since Day 1 of the pandemic.

According to CEC's website, as of Sept. 14, 2022, there were 15,559 registered voters on Saipan, 184 on the Northern Islands, 1,680 on Tinian, and 1,852 on Rota, for a total of 19,275 registered voters in the CNMI—the biggest number in CNMI history.

The CEC reminds voters to bring with them a photo identification card as they will be required to present that in order to be issued a ballot at the polling sites.

This year's election is a three-way gubernatorial race so there is a strong possibility of a runoff election. The CEC will hold a runoff election if no gubernatorial candidate gets more than 50%—or more than half—of the total votes cast and counted.

Torres is seeking re-election, with Sen. Vinnie Vinson F. Sablan (R-Saipan) as his running mate as lieutenant governor, under the well-oiled machinery of the NMI Republican Party. Their campaign theme is "We are Together, Stronger."

Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios and Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang are seeking election for governor and lieutenant governor, respectively, under a unified independent team. Their campaign slogan is "Rebuilding Trust."

Carrying a campaign slogan of "Trusted Leadership," Rep. Christina E. Sablan (D-Saipan) and her running mate, Rep. Leila F. Staffler (D-Saipan), of the Democratic Party of the NMI, want to make history as the first women tandem to run for governor and lieutenant governor in the CNMI.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (D-MP) is a sure winner as he is running unopposed for an eighth term.

Voters will also decide whether to retain on the bench Supreme Court Associate Justice John A. Manglona and Superior Court associate judges Joseph N. Camacho and Wesley M. Bogdan.

For the Saipan Senate, five are gunning for two positions. Republicans Rep. Angel A. Demapan and comebacking former lawmaker Janet U. Maratita will battle against Rep. Corina L. Magofna and Andrew S. Salas, of the unified independent team, and Rep. Celina R. Babauta of the Democratic Party.

For Tinian Senate, there are two positions. Senate President Jude U. Hofschneider and Sen. Francisco Q. Cruz are seeking re-election under the Republican Party. Thomasa Rita Palacios Mendiola is seeking election as an independent.

For Rota Senate, there are two positions. Rota Mayor Efraim M. Atalig and Dennis James C. Mendiola are the Republican Party's bets. Rep. Donald M. Manglona, Edward Castro Maratita Jr., and Crispin M. Ogo are running as independents.

For Saipan House of Representatives, it's a crowded race in Precinct 1 and 3 as there are 13 candidates battling for six positions each.

For Precinct 1, the candidates are the Republican Party's Frankie F. Angel, Arlene Marie M. Reyes, Patrick M. Cepeda, Lucinda Rose R. Selepeo, and Rep. Roy Christopher A. Ada. The Democrats have Diego Vincent F. Camacho and Rep. Edwin K. Propst. The independent candidates are Vincent Raymond S. Aldan, Raymond U. Palacios, Rep. Joseph A. Flores, Roman C. Benavente, Shawn Byron D. Kaipat, and Benjamin M. Cepeda.

For Precinct 3, the candidates are Republicans Ana D. Castro, Joaquin R. Sablan Jr., Grace Pitu Sablan, Carl J. Hocog, and Quaid Taima O. Ngirchongor. The Democrat candidates are Rep. Denita K. Yangetmai, Lauren Yvonne S. Pangelinan, and Rep. Vicente C. Camacho. The independent candidates are Rep. Ralph N. Yumul, Rep. Blas Jonathan T. Attao, House Speaker Edmund Joseph S. Villagomez, Marissa R. Flores, and Delbert T. Pua.

For Precincts 2 and 4, there are two positions and four candidates each.

For Precinct 2, the candidates are Eric B. Esteves and Keith C. Ada of the Republican Party and Manny Gregory T. Castro and Rep. John Paul P. Sablan of the unified independent team.

For Precinct 4, the candidates are David R. Sablan and Cecilia R. Taitano of the Republican Party, and Rep. Joel C. Camacho and Malcolm J. Omar of the unified independent team.

For Precinct 5, there are two positions and five candidates. The Republican Party has only Thomas John D. Manglona, while the Democratic Party has Peter Francis R. Muna. Ignacio V. Cabrera, Angelo A. Camacho, and Juan U. Maratita are running as independents.

For Precinct 6, or Tinian, there is only one position. Rep. Patrick H. San Nicolas of the Republican Party is seeking re-election. Frederick Arend Dela Cruz of the Democratic Party is challenging San Nicolas.

For Precinct 7, or Rota, three are squaring for one position. The candidates are Ivan Mereb Jr. of the Republican, and independents Edward Castro Barcinas and Julie Marie Atalig Ogo.

For the attorney general, voters will decide whether to re-elect Edward Eladio Manibusan, who is seeking his third four-year term as an elected AG, or select former Superior Court associate judge Juan T. Lizama.

For the mayoral race on Saipan, Rep. Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero of the Republican Party, Rep. Richard T. Lizama of the Democratic Party, and Ramon Jose B. Camacho are fighting for the position.

For the mayoral race on Tinian, Mayor Edwin P. Aldan of the Republican Party has no opposition for his re-election bid.

**A longer version of this story is available at www. saipantribune.com**

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona Manglona administered the oath of allegiance to 11 newly naturalized U.S citizens during a special naturalization ceremony yesterday in celebration of Veterans Day. KIMBERLY B. ESMORES

# VETERANS

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Vorapol Miller, Teresita Ureta Namauleg, Michael Marin Romero, Shirin Mustafa Shakir, Maria Caroline Cudiamat Tamparong, and Cornelio Garcia Viernes.

Manglona encouraged the new citizens to not only enjoy the many new privileges that come with their newfound citizenship, but to also perform their duties and responsibilities as citizens.

"As U.S. citizens, you can now vote. It may be too late for you, guys, to partake in this election, but in future elections. In doing so, you will also be registered with the court and we can summon you for jury duty. These are duties and responsibilities of a U.S. citizen that I strongly encourage you all to perform," she said.

In closing the ceremony, guest speaker Joe McDoulett, judge advocate of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3457, congratulated each new citizen on completing their citizenship journey.

He stated that this naturalization ceremony is special because it is wedged between two holidays: Veterans Day, and CNMI Citizenship Day which was celebrated last Friday.

"Your naturalization is wedged in between two holidays. Yes, Veterans Day is coming on Friday, but last Friday we celebrated CNMI Citizenship Day. Similar to what you, guys, have gone through, it was a hard process for the citizens of the Northern Mariana Islands to get their citizenship too," he said.

McDoulett noted the hardships that many islanders faced in the past in their journey to citizenship, much like the newly naturalized citizens.

"On Nov. 3, 1986, President Ronald Reagan signed a proclamation and made all of the citizens of the rural American islands citizens of the United States. They celebrate that every year. It was important for me to note that they struggled. It didn't just happen. It was a long process. Like them, your process was awesome. I don't think people realize how difficult it is to become a U.S. citizen," he said.

McDoulett deems naturalization to be important because, like many veterans, the newly naturalized citizens chose the United States and swore an oath to protect it.

"This is important to me because there are many people that are born to citizenship. However, very few of those people have sworn an oath to the United States. Very few. And just like veterans have sworn their allegiance to the United States, to its Constitution to protect us, so have you all. So that's why for a veteran coming up on Veterans Day, I salute you," he said.

# PROJECT

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Housing and Urban Development funded the project through the Northern Marianas Housing Corp.'s Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery Program. NMHC is the contracting agency, while Yantze Corp. is the prime contractor.

Torres said the project has been over two years in the making and that many parish priests and people in the community have raised concerns about flooding in the area. Torres said they identified the site improvement as a priority and moved to have the project done once they secured the funding and permits.

"I want to thank all the agencies, IRP [Infrastructure and Recovery Program], definitely CDBG-DR, NMHC, DPW, and all those that participated in one way or another for the road project," he said.

Next up is a sewer project in the area and Torres said that a notice-to-proceed with the project will soon be issued.

NMHC corporate director Jesse S. Palacios said he drives by the area practically every day on his way to work and that, as far as he remembers when there is a steady amount of rainfall, Apengagh St. and Ghilis St. and the surrounding area is always flooded.

"The drainage system wasn't working over here. So they have to redo everything and so it's not just to pave the road; that's the last part," he said.

Palacios said they were happy when DPW identified this project as one of their list of road and drainage improvement projects in the CNMI.

He said project met the criteria for CDBG-DR funding assistance. "This is a special project for the DR Team because it's our very first CDBG-DR funded infrastructure construction project," Palacios said.

He said there's been a lot of delays in the project because of the weather and especially with the Historic Preservation Office when they discovered ancestral remains and artifacts.

Palacios said the road improvement project costs $369,000 and the second phase—the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. sewerline project—will cost $258,000.

He said it may not be the biggest in terms of total project cost or total project area, but it is probably the most intimate and impactful project to a community that will benefit from the new road pavement and the improved drainage system.

He said the HPO gave them a heads up that the area is a hotbed for historic and cultural artifacts and ancestral remains.

Palacios is thankful to Torres and the IRP for lending them their archaeological team to first address HPO's archeological monitoring, data recovery, and mitigation work requirements so the project can move forward.

Now that Ghilis St. is complete, the next phase is to continue with the road and drainage improvement project on Apengagh Avenue, and CUC's sewerline project, he added.

# NMC announces RFP for its flagship Student Center Building

Northern Marianas College has reached another milestone in its efforts to build a new campus: the college announced yesterday its Request for Proposal for the new NMC Student Center.

Prior to the announcement of the RFP, the college launched and completed the comprehensive facilities master planning process. Super Typhoon Yutu had destroyed approximately 80% of all the buildings and facilities on campus.

The new Facilities Master Plan, which was earlier approved by the NMC Board of Regents, establishes the framework for the long-term growth and development of all capital improvement projects on NMC's three campuses. Also aligned with the college's new strategic priority to take care of resources, the FMP was completed with input from different stakeholders, including students, faculty, administrators, and other community members.

The new Student Center building, which will be the college's flagship building, will be funded through a grant from the U.S. Department of Education Emergency Assistance to Institutions of Higher Education Program.

The college will also be using funds from reimbursements through the Federal Emergency Management Agency's alternate projects program that is facilitated through the CNMI Public Assistance Office.

Resilience against future storms, highly integrated technological features, energy savings, and heightened accessibility will be key elements of the new building.

The RFP announcement can be accessed on NMC's website and is also being advertised in newspapers.

"This is an important step forward to build state-of-the-art facilities for our students and our community," said NMC Board of Regents chair Charles Cepeda. "On behalf of the board, I want to thank [NMC] president Dr. Galvin Deleon Guerrero and his NMC team, and the Board of Regents committee, for their countless hours of work put into the project, as well as vice president Frankie Eliptico who was key in the process while he was interim president."

"The NMC Board of Regents' Facilities Committee is working with the college staff to announce other RFPs and [break ground] on several projects in 2023," said NMC regent Michelle Sablan. "It's an exciting time as we undertake some of the biggest projects in the CNMI."

"There's much more work ahead of us, but announcing the RFP for the college's new Student Center is indeed an important milestone toward our larger goal of building a brand new campus for our students and for the CNMI community," Deleon Guerrero said. "Extensive collaborative effort has gone into many other steps leading to the RFP, and I want to acknowledge all the individuals, including the governor, the U.S. Department of Education, CNMI Public Assistance Office, the NMC Board of Regents, and the college's Facilities Planning team.

In addition to the NMC Student Center, the college has also secured funds for new classroom buildings, its workforce development building, the new building that will house NMC CREES research and extension work, and other facilities. ***(NMC)***

# Goal: Broadband for everyone by 2030

LEIGH GASES

Peter Dresslar talks about the CNMI Broadband programs under the Office of Planning and Development last Tuesday during a Rotary Club of Saipan meeting at the Hyatt Regency Saipan.

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One of the more ambitious goals of the Office of Planning and Development is for the entire CNMI to achieve universal access to the internet by 2030.

OPD director Kodep Ogumoro-Uludong and Peter Dresslar, senior adviser for Broadband and Digital Equity, outlined this goal during a presentation at the weekly Rotary Club of Saipan meeting last Tuesday at the Giovanni's Restaurant in the Hyatt Regency Saipan.

To lay the groundwork for this goal, Ogumoro-Uludong said that one of their plans that they intend to achieve by the end of the year is to "obtain complete coverage maps for…broadband coverage and work with the Department of Commerce to update Central Statistics Division survey data, specific to internet accessibility to support planning efforts that include subsidy programs, or community connection hubs to ensuring that all residents [in] Saipan, Tinian, and Rota, and eventually the Northern Islands, have enhanced access to the internet through broadband or wireless connection by 2030."

"Broadband is a special kind of internet. Broadband is internet that is always on, it's always connected, and it's fast," said Dresslar.

He said they have created four programs in order to achieve this end. The four are Community Pillars, Marianas Broadband Outreach, Digital Equity Programs, and CNMI Broadband Strategy.

Dresslar explained that Community Pillars is "is developing spaces in places where people can connect for free to the internet and communicate with their families or do work—whatever it is they need to do. We know that not every resident of the CNMI has an awesome place at home to get access to the internet or do work on the internet, and so we're talking about spaces in places with our anchor institutions to provide that place where people can actually go and get access."

Dresslar said they are now working with eight institutions around the CNMI, including building Wi-Fi enabled parking lots and multipurpose buildings. The Joeten-Kiyu Public Library's WiFi-enabled book mobile project is also in the works.

Dresslar also announced that their office will partner with the Division of Youth Services by the end of the year "in Tanapag, Kagman, and a third youth center…to put up free WiFi in our pilot phase, hopefully at the end of this month. While that's happening, we'll gather data about how people are using the WiFi, what times of the day, how does this affect traffic—there are a lot of variables that we want to get information about."

# OES Turtles off to a great start in PGFC competition

The Oleai Elementary School Primary Grades Forensic Conference participants pose for a souvenir photo inside their school campus in San Jose, Saipan.

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Like their school mascot, which is the turtle, Oleai Elementary School Turtles may have started slowly but won most of their events in the first monthly qualifying competition of the Primary Grades Forensic Conference last October at Mount Carmel School.

All OES students in the kindergarten to 2nd-grade division won in one or all of their English and Chamorro-Carolinian Language Heritage Studies events. All 10 placed first to fifth in the seven English events: Declamation, Dramatic Interpretation, Humorous Interpretation, Duo Interpretation, Impromptu Speaking, Choral Speaking, and CCLHS event.

The OES grades 3-5 almost won first to fourth place in Impromptu Speaking B. The students learned more about the Micronesian territories and countries from Northern Marianas, Guam, Palau, Nauru, and the Marshall Islands to Kiribati as they prepare and perform their speeches.

PGFC competition encourages public and private schools students from kindergarten to fifth-grade to participate in and become proficient in reading, public speaking, and interpretations. After two years of virtual competition, PGFC is back to face-to-face or in-person competition where students will go to different schools to compete with other students from different schools. Due to the COVID-19 situation, almost all of the events are pre-recorded video entries except for Impromptu Speaking, which is live via Google Meet.

## K-2 DIVISION

***Dramatic Interpretation*** A
- Lucia Bercilla, 2nd Place

***Humorous Interpretation*** A
- Jaymie Parico, 2nd Place
- Kendra Lumanlan, 4th Place
- Liberty Domingo, 5th Place

***Humorous Interpretation***
- Ladana Calibo, 1st Place

***Declamation***
- Max Chang, 1st Place
- Jaymie Parico, 2nd Place

***Impromptu Speaking***
- Ladana Calibo, 2ndPlace
- Louie Matthew Achas, 3rd Place
- Aldrick Jay Rodeo,4th Place

***Reader's Forum C***
- Liberty Domingo, 4th Place
- Aldrick Jay Rodeo, 5th Place

***CCLHS***
- Kendra Lumanlan, 1st Place
- Jaymie Parico, 1st Place
- Ge Anica Sinounou, 4th Place
- Daren Amandus, 5th Place

***Duo Interpretation A***
- Max Chang, 3rd Place
- Louie Matthew Achas, 3rd Place

***Choral Speaking***
- Kendra Lumanlan, 5th Place
- Ge Anica Sinounou, 5th Place
- Lucia Bercilla, 5th Place

## 3-5 DIVISION

***Dramatic Interpretation*** A
- Julienne Rhyme Casuncad, 2nd Place
- Brent Villanueva, 2nd Place
- Hallie Marianne Padolina, 5th Place

***Humorous Interpretation*** A
- Keanalise Arianne Sablan, 2nd Place

***Declamation***
- Alexander Joseph Salundaguit, 3rd Place

***Impromptu Speaking***
- Hallie Marianne Padolina, 1st Place
- Haven Mateo Calibo, 2nd Place
- Raphael Kyron Ronquillo, 3rd Place
- Xavier Brien, 4th Place

***Reader's Forum D***
- Mary Elizabeth De Guzman, 4th Place

***Reader's Forum F***
- Xavier Brien, 4th Place
- Rhyne Ysa Bansuela, 5th Place

***Reader's Forum MA***
- Hanna Gabrielle Ramos, 3rd Place

***Reader's Forum MB***
- Leila Leightley, 2nd Place

***CCLHS A***
- Brent Villanueva, 1st Place
- Alexander Joseph Salundaguit, 4th Place

***CCLHS B***
- Isabel Maximina Carreon, 3rd Place

***Duo Interpretation A***
- Mary Elizabeth De Guzman, 1st Place
- Hanna Gabrielle Ramos, 1st Place

***Other OES Participants***
- Revanalyn Mality
- Zieann Teves
- Shania Mina Mendiola
- Crystal Lyn Mabel

***OES Judges***
- Arnel Coloma
- Laarni Calibo
- Maritoni Duarte
- Jenny Ann Mercado

***OES CCLHS Coach***
- Josephine Agulto

***OES PGFC Coach/ Coordinator***
- Esther Manzano

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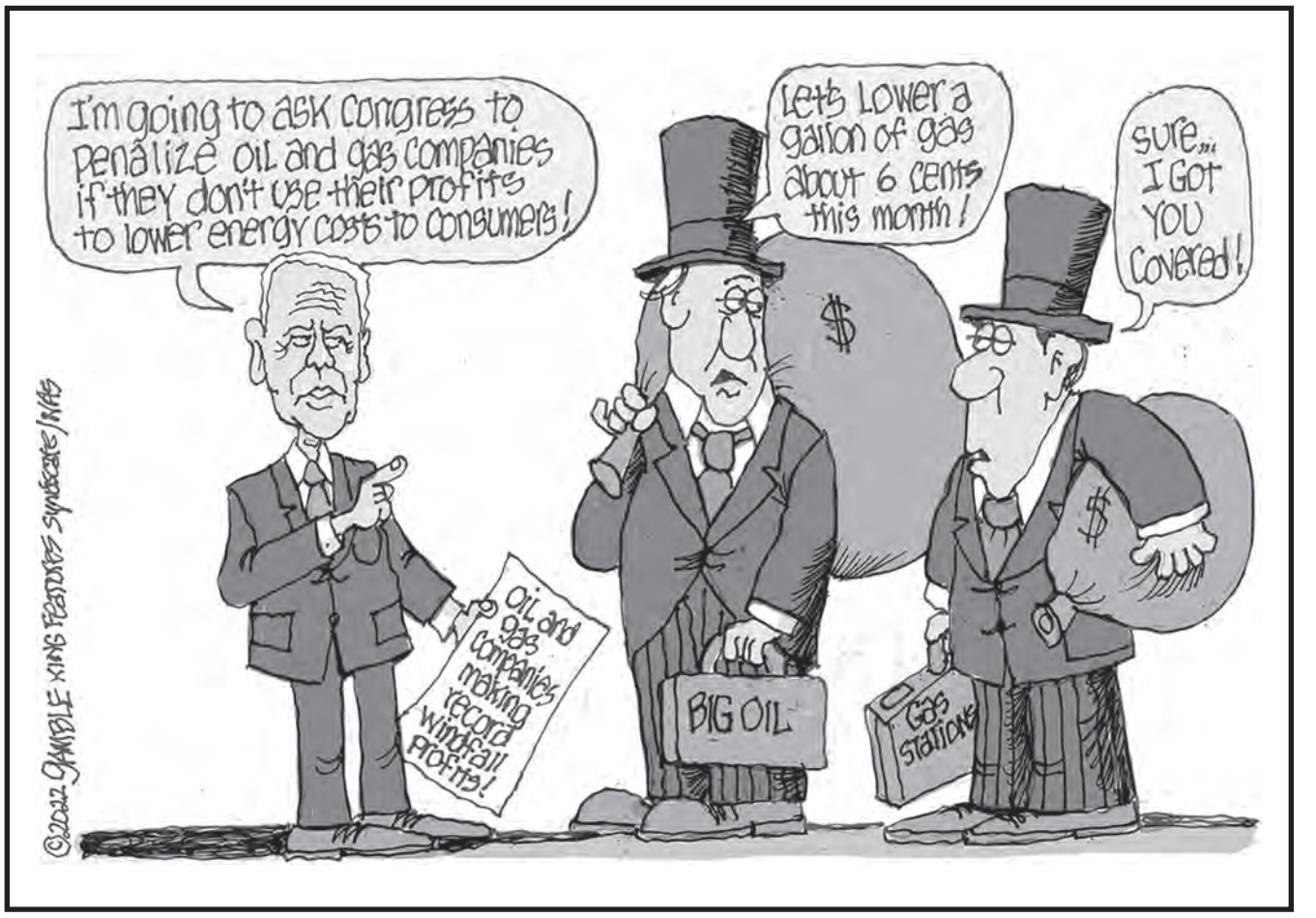
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## EDITORIAL

# Election betting is the next step in the gamification of politics

We may be entering a new chapter in the gamification of American politics: election betting.

The Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) recently considered whether to allow a company called Kalshi Inc. to open the first U.S.-based election betting market, according to reporting by The Wall Street Journal.

Election betting is a sticky business. It opens all manner of ethical questions, including incentives for buying and selling votes. And it's currently illegal in most places. According to the sports book Draft Kings, only two U.S.-based markets have recently allowed election betting, both receiving exemptions to do so by the CFTC because they can be used for research purposes. In August, one of those exemptions was revoked.

That has not always been the case. Election betting was a big deal a century ago. In 2004, two researchers from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill published a study of election betting in the early 1900s in the Journal of Economic Perspectives that said: "The extent of activity in the presidential betting markets of this time was astonishingly large. For brief periods, betting on political outcomes at the Curb Exchange in New York would exceed trading in stocks and bonds." For the 1916 presidential election, more money was wagered in election betting than was spent by the candidates, the report said.

In 1896, 1900, 1904, 1916 and 1934, The New York Times, Sun, and World provided regular quotations, alongside other market updates, from October until Election Day.

Regardless of whether there's a regulated market, Americans will bet on elections. People bet on all manner of things. We remember when you could get action on an over/under for how many times a president would be interrupted by applause during a state of the union address, or what color the first lady's dress would be. CFTC regulations aside, friendly wagers will continue. It's a free country.

But election betting points out a troubling trend in our democracy: increasingly, people interact with news and politics the same way they interact with reality TV or spectator sports. The problem is our politics is not a game.

Journalism students used to be taught that local news is most important to readers and that "all politics is local" because people cared most about policies that would directly affect their lives. But that doesn't seem to be true any longer. In recent decades, the most popular news sources focus almost entirely on national news because news consumers are less interested in how policies will affect them, and more interested in seeing their team win.

The gamification of politics is a terrible turn for our nation. We know elections get treated like horse races. Now you might be able to bet on the win, place, show.

Yes, politics is a spectacle. We've made it that way in the way we consume information about it. When we watch to see if our side will win, we probably aren't thinking very hard about the underlying ideas and the people promoting them.

And that's a loss for the country.

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# On the State of the Commonwealth

**By CHRISTINA "TINA" SABLAN**
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Much has been said about Gov. Ralph Torres' last-minute bungled attempt to deliver a State of the Commonwealth Address right before the 2022 general election. The timing was suspect, the costs questionable, and the other branches of government were not consulted. Traditionally, the SOCA is delivered before a joint session of the Legislature annually and much earlier in the year, in a public venue and with coordination among the branches.

We haven't had a joint session to receive Gov. Torres' SOCA since August 2018, right before the last general election. In that SOCA, Torres proclaimed a strong and healthy economy—"the fastest economic growth in the country"—and a fiscal surplus in government. He praised the Imperial Pacific International casino, his administration's golden goose, as "the highest single taxpayer in the CNMI," and assured us all that IPI was paying its taxes. He mentioned the word "progress" 24 times in that speech, and presented many colorful graphs showing impressive improvements in the Commonwealth's state of affairs.

But a few months later—after the 2018 election—we learned that actually the government had ended the fiscal year with a $26 million deficit. We also learned that IPI, like the government, was in deep financial straits. Contrary to what Gov. Torres had claimed, IPI actually owed taxes and fees to the government. IPI owed money to virtually everyone else as well—workers, contractors, and vendors. The golden goose was dying.

To mean anything at all, a State of the Commonwealth Address must at a minimum be truthful. Gov. Torres' last SOCA failed to meet that basic standard.

Article III, section 9 of the CNMI Constitution requires the governor to report on the affairs of the Commonwealth at least annually. That report must cover the financial condition of the government and be prepared in accordance with generally accepted governmental accounting principles. Given that the current administration is more than two years behind on the single audit for fiscal year 2020, and hasn't even begun working on the single audit for fiscal year 2021 (which was due last June), it appears that Gov. Torres' next annual report to the Legislature, whenever that will be, will not meet constitutional standards, either.

The people of the Marianas deserve a clear-eyed, truthful assessment of the state of the Commonwealth. Without a doubt, we have been through unprecedented challenges these past six years: typhoon disasters, fiscal austerity, mass furloughs, a global pandemic. Our community pulls together remarkably in times of adversity, and there is much to be proud of in how we have weathered these storms—with unmatched generosity and kindness toward one another, true resourcefulness, indomitable resilience.

Unfortunately these past years we have also witnessed unprecedented failures of leadership in the current administration. We have seen the raiding of the governor's office and home as well as the casino by federal agents, and it appears federal investigations are ongoing. We have seen the impeachment of the governor by the Legislature, and criminal charges filed against him by the attorney general. We have seen numerous examples of cronyism in the awarding of contracts and jobs, and the unashamed leveraging of public funds for campaign purposes. We have seen millions in tax dollars squandered in illegal overtime and unfair bonuses to favored officials, and political firings and furloughs affecting hundreds of public servants.

A truthful State of the Commonwealth Address would acknowledge these shameful deficiencies and provide a plan for corrective action. It would provide an accurate, current assessment of the fiscal condition of the government. It would lay out the priorities for federal and local tax dollars, describe what has been spent and how much remains, and make proposals for future investments. It would present measures to stop the cronyism, follow the law, and collect public funds that have been unlawfully paid out.

A truthful SOCA would explain to the people how typhoon and pandemic recovery funds are being distributed, and what efforts are underway to get critical projects and programs moving on all of our islands. That there are still over a thousand people waiting for their Pandemic Unemployment Assistance is beyond unconscionable and absurd—especially when we consider that the application period for the PUA program closed *over a year ago*. What is being done to speed up the processing of these claims that were supposed to be weekly benefits issued many months ago to help people survive the devastating economic impacts of the pandemic? A truthful SOCA would explain that.

A truthful SOCA would also explain why it's taken more than four years since Super Typhoon Yutu for the current administration and the Public School System to finally agree that Hopwood Middle School should be rebuilt exactly where it is right now. Why we still have kids learning in substandard buildings and FEMA tents that are reaching the end of their lifecycle, while we wait for the real construction projects to move. Why it's taken

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# What it takes to have a culture of change

**By LEILA HAVEAI STAFFLER**
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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From 2010 to 2020, I had the distinct privilege to lead at Kagman High in many capacities. From teacher leader, to adviser, to coach, to shelter manager, to administrator, I did my best to serve my school and community with compassion and fairness. Investing in people was part of the continuous improvement process that eventually helped change the culture of that school. Changing a school culture is not easy, but is necessary to make positive and lasting change. This is true of our CNMI government culture as well. It will not be easy, but it is necessary to make positive and lasting change.

Fairness is the foundation on which perception is built. As soon as a person thinks you are being unfair, you have lost their trust and any decision you make is tainted. This is true in school as it is in our government. One of the things I always told students and parents when I had to say no to a request was, "What I do for one I must do for all." This went for my Precinct 5 constituents too. It is never easy to say no, but to be fair, you sometimes must. I always tried to help in other ways when I could, especially when it came to investing in people to help them find their paths. This is key to changing any culture.

How we invest in people depends on their situation and interests. For our college-bound students, to ensure they had the support they needed to meet their big goals, we invested in programs like the Million Dollar Scholars and PSAT Cohort to help them improve their test scores and apply for scholarships and high-tier colleges. For our students interested in the trades, we invested in aligning our school with NMTech and AHLEI hospitality programs to earn certifications that would give them an advantage and a path to financial independence. For my students who aged out or stopped coming to school, we invested time and effort to meet them at their homes, and get them engaged in GED or Adult Education options. Once they completed those, I encouraged them to keep going further, follow their interests, and earn more certifications. It's these kinds of opportunities that break the poverty cycle and change the course of families forever.

We also invested in our employees by connecting them with opportunities for training and certifications. For example, one of our support staff had an interest in air-conditioning repair, also known as HVAC. We invested in his courses at NMTech and, once he was certified, he got promoted by the district and began servicing HVAC units in the whole system. He also got a salary increase because of the certifications. This is an example that can and must be replicated across the government to increase efficiency and productivity. There are many agencies and programs that could invest in more training and certification for their staff to broaden their professional skill sets, making them more productive in the work they do. This also improves their opportunities wherever they decide to work in the future.

As Maya Angelou said, "People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." My former students and staff may not know or remember all the things that were said and done behind the scenes to invest in their success, but I believe they will forever remember how amazing it felt when life's opportunities opened up for them.

All of our efforts at KHS were investments in the greater community. One of the things I was most proud of after 13 years of service at KHS was the transformation of the school culture, and how it rippled beyond the school to positively impact our families and community. This transformation took time and effort. But it was possible because we invested in people—students, staff and community. That is how we made change happen. In a similar way, through the process of continuous improvement and caring for the people we work with and the people we serve, we can begin to transform the culture of our government, in a Sablan-Staffler administration.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# Trust

"Trust is a word that is being thrown around much this election."
—Gov. Ralph Torres, Nov. 3, 2022.

Gov. Torres used the sentence above to preface his list of what he supposedly did as governor of the Commonwealth, all of which he handsomely got paid for.

Gov. Torres, you are emphatically wrong again. The use of the word "trust" is not being thrown around by your own citizens and by people who voted for you in previous elections. Trust has been used to accurately describe the deception of your personal character as a leader. Trust is not being thrown around by your political nemesis as you seemed to be inferring. Trust is what you personally destroyed by your flagrant disregard for the truth.

Gov. Torres, sometimes I wonder whether you truly trust yourself because if you do, you would not be engaging in desperate attempts for "superficial" redemption but, instead, engage in a voluntary self-imposed punishment for your deceitful acts or wrongdoing against the people of the Commonwealth and probably be more acceptingly contrite.

Even in your desperate attempt to portray yourself as someone who worked to fulfill his constitutional duty, you continue to be ungratefully deceitful to the people of the CNMI. You have never publicly acknowledged that not a single member of your Republican counterparts in the U.S. Congress voted to support the Democrats' massive social spending bills to deal with the economy, climate change, and the COVID-19 epidemic.

Gov., you never publicly admitted that it was the Democrats in the U.S. Congress and Kilili being instrumental in including the CNMI in the trillion dollars massive economic recovery legislations they passed last year. You were never receptive to the idea, offered by Democrats and the majority in the House, to include provision in the government's spending budget bill to prudently account for all federal expenditures because politics, self-enrichment, and personal redemption was more of your compelling motivation.

Gov. Torres, deceit, mistrust, distrust, and unethical conduct were behavioral infractions that caused your own citizens not to trust you. The scary part of your attitude is that you seem to enjoy and relish being dishonest and deceitful both in your words and actions.

The list of activities you described promoting yourself to make you look good were funded by monies made available exclusively by Democrats. Your deceitful expenditure of these funds to benefit you personally and politically is very dishonest. You cannot get credit for misusing funds that were never part of your party's political efforts yet, you arrogantly claimed ownership. This is the kind of leadership behavior that is so pathetically deceitful and inherently dishonest.

You are patting yourself in the back and trolling around the islands, claiming projects being done that Democrats provided the funds for to make it happen. The simplest thing to do as a wise leader is to graciously acknowledge that the Democrats' fortitude and empathy in Congress, President Joe Biden's leadership, and Congressman Kilili's intervention prevented the sufferings of our people from the COVID-19 pandemic and the total collapse of our economy.

The fact is, the Democrats were directly responsible for rescuing your administration and provided more than two billion dollars of financial reliefs for our citizens and support all pandemic recovery efforts. Disappointingly, though, you continue to arrogantly use these federal funds to promote your political ambitions.

By comparison, when Tina Sablan and Leila Staffler receive the mandate of our citizens this Nov. 8, 2022, these islands and its citizens will witness, for the first time in its post-Covenant history, transformational changes in ways public services are to be delivered. Our citizens will be empowered to believe in themselves and build on a solid foundation of accountability, transparency, and trust, led by very able and inspirational Democrat leadership.

**Daniel O. Quitugua**
*Kannat Tabla, Saipan*

**A longer version of this story is available at www. saipantribune.com**

## STATE

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more than four years for the Commonwealth Ports Authority to "submit things" (as the CPA board chair put it) to finally get an approved budget for a decent commuter terminal, while the old one remains in a state of utter disaster and interisland airlines and passengers utilize refurbished containers.

A truthful SOCA would explain why we're going on nearly two years since the groundbreaking for the Beach Road improvement project, and have yet to see much sign of actual improvement—not even the single traffic light at Quartermaster is done. Why FEMA projects are barely moving on Tinian, and even simple repairs to fencing have taken years to complete. Why there has been such meager infrastructure development on Rota. Why, for six years, the current administration has dragged its feet in transferring millions in federal and local tax dollars to our one and only healthcare system and all of our public educational institutions—and what impact that has had on their operations and success, and how that negligence will be corrected, going forward.

A truthful SOCA would lay bare the decision-making process for who gets BOOST funding and how much they get, given that there currently appears to be no rubric and when guidelines are so ambiguous. A truthful SOCA would also describe what the actual return on investment has been for the millions of dollars allocated for airline subsidies. It would acknowledge the facts that multiple Korean airlines have suspended flights to Saipan, and most of the people flying in from Japan are U.S. citizens and returning residents, not Japanese tourists. A truthful SOCA would present the plans for how we will make our Marianas a safer and more beautiful place for visitors and residents, what we will do with the casino monstrosity in Garapan among numerous other blighted sites, and how we are going to engage more local participation in the tourism industry and diversify into other industries that are compatible with tourism and make sense for our islands.

Groundbreakings, photo ops, and press releases are easy. It's easy to be generous and free-wheeling with tax dollars, but misleading to characterize them as "donations" and irresponsible to make grand promises with public funds without a plan. A truthful SOCA wouldn't be about spin and propaganda. Yes, we should celebrate the wins we have made together, as a community. But we should also be honest in assessing our state of affairs, so that we can identify and reach consensus on solutions. The truth is harder, but it's also freeing. Our problems are solvable, but we can only begin to address them by being honest about them. Fiscal responsibility takes more effort and care, but it's absolutely necessary if our goal is to improve the Commonwealth for the benefit of all, and build a future that is more hopeful, prosperous, and just.

Leila Fleming Staffler and I often say that our campaign is about more than just winning this election, and more than just the next four years. We mean it, too. We see the tremendous potential of our islands and people, and opportunities to lay the foundations now for a thriving future. An apt allegory for the upcoming election was shared with us recently by a constituent: Imagine a jungle path that diverges three ways. One path is familiar, and leads through a putrid swamp and goes straight over the edge of a cliff. The other path looks like the first path, but circles upon itself, and goes nowhere. The third path is different, and beautiful, and leads through sunlit meadows and abundant forests.

This November, may we collectively choose the different, and beautiful path: the path of change, the path of good governance, the path to a bright and hopeful future. And may the next State of the Commonwealth Address be one that navigates the way—truthful about where we stand, inspiring confidence in what lies ahead.

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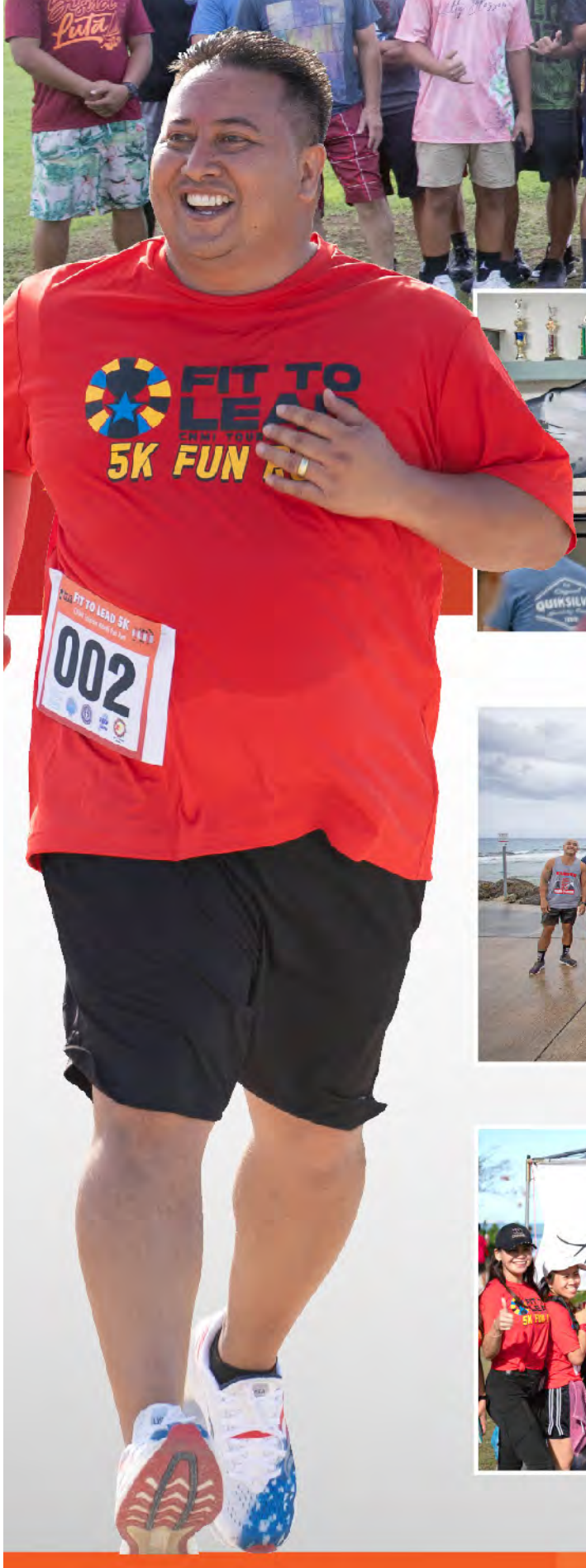

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The CNMI is in a health epidemic. The CNMIs top three causes of death in the past 10 years are heart disease, stroke, & diabetes. More and more we are losing friends and family to these non communicable diseases that ARE PREVENTABLE through exercise and nutrition. The people of the CNMI are looking for alternative ways to take ownership of their health and wellness and being able to be FIT TO LEAD within their families and professional duties.

# The Weather

## 5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

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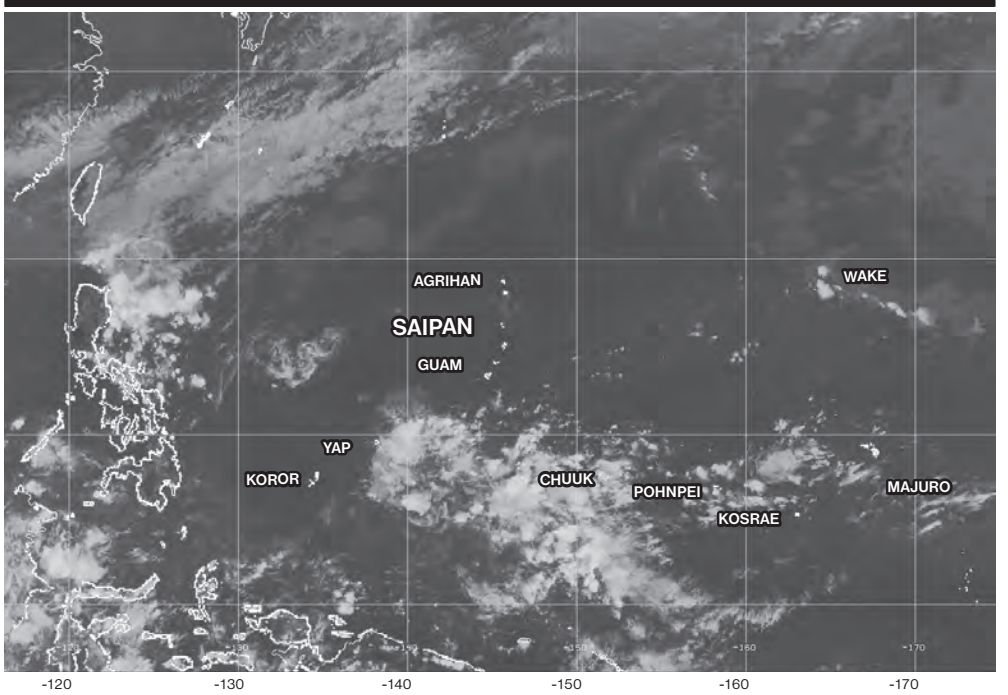


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| Palau | Scattered Thunderstorms | 83° / 76° |
| Yap | Thunderstorms | 85° / 78° |
| Chuuk | Thunderstorms | 87° / 79° |
| Pohnpei | Cloudy | 87° / 77° |
| Kosrae | Partly Cloudy | 86° / 79° |
| Majuro | Thunderstorms | 85° / 80° |

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| Thursday | - | 7:33 AM | 7:03 PM |
| Friday | - | 8:28 AM | 7:51 PM |
| Saturday | - | 9:22 AM | 8:42 PM |

| AROUND THE GLOBE | | ▲ ▼ °F |
|---|---|---|
| Auckland | Showers | 66° / 57° |
| Beijing | Mostly Sunny | 60° / 36° |
| Hong Kong | Showers | 76° / 71° |
| Honolulu | Partly Cloudy | 85° / 75° |
| London | Showers | 58° / 50° |
| Los Angeles | Showers | 62° / 55° |
| Manila | Isolated Thunderstorms | 89° / 77° |
| Melbourne | Showers | 80° / 61° |
| Miami | Partly Cloudy/Wind | 83° / 76° |
| New York | Partly Cloudy | 76° / 46° |
| Osaka | Mostly Sunny | 69° / 50° |
| Paris | Mostly Cloudy | 63° / 53° |
| Busan | Sunny | 69° / 49° |
| Rome | Mostly Sunny | 71° / 48° |
| Salem | Mostly Sunny | 82° / 64° |
| San Francisco | Showers | 57° / 48° |
| Seoul | Partly Cloudy | 63° / 40° |
| Tokyo | Sunny | 68° / 51° |
| Washington, DC | Partly Cloudy | 76° / 46° |

| TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY | | FEET |
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| 1:33 AM | Low Tide | -0.13 |
| 8:01 AM | High Tide | 1.74 |
| 1:38 PM | Low Tide | 0.81 |
| 6:59 PM | High Tide | 1.84 |

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# FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 2022

## DEPARTURES

### SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| UA117 | 9:50AM | 10:35AM | Daily |

### SAIPAN- NARITA (NRT)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| UA824 | 7:05AM | 9:45AM | 1, 3, 5 |

### GUAM-MANILA (MNL)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| PR 111 | 6:00AM | 7:45AM | Daily |
| UA193 | 7:55PM | 11:50PM | 2, 5 via Palau |
| UA183 | 8:00PM | 9:50PM | Daily |

### SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| UA117/183 | 9:50AM | 9:50PM | Daily via Guam |
| UA117/193 | 9:50AM | 11:50PM | 2, 5 via Guam, Palau |
| OZ624/701 | 3:40PM | 10:35AM+1 | 3,6 via Incheon |

### SAIPAN-INCHEON (ICN)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ624 | 3:40PM | 7:40PM | 3, 6 |
| TW308 | 4:30PM | 8:20PM | 3, 4, 6, 7 |
| 7C3405 | 4:35PM | 8:25PM | Daily |

### SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| BX621 | 3:10PM | 6:30PM | 3, 7 |

## ARRIVALS

### GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| UA174 | 8:00AM | 8:46AM | Daily |

### NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| UA825 | 9:25PM | 2:00AM+1 | 2, 4, 7 |

### MANILA (MNL)-GUAM

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| PR110 | 10:05PM | 3:55AM+1 | Daily |
| UA184 | 10:55PM | 4:45AM+1 | 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 |
| UA192 | 10:40PM | 6:30AM+1 | 2, 5 via Palau |
| UA184 | 12:40AM | 6:30AM | 3, 6 |

### MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| UA189/174 | 12:40AM | 8:46AM+1 | 3, 6 via Guam |
| UA184/174 | 10:55PM | 8:46AM+1 | 1, 3, 4, 6,7 via Guam |
| UA192/174 | 10:40PM | 8:46AM+1 | 2, 5 via Palau, Guam |
| OZ704/623 | 11:50PM | 2:40PM+1 | 2, 5 via Incheon |

### INCHEON (ICN)-SAIPAN

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ623 | 9:00AM | 2:40PM | 3, 6 |
| TW307 | 10:00AM | 3:30PM | 3, 4, 6, 7 |
| 7C3406 | 10:10AM | 3:30PM | Daily |

### BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| BX622 | 8:00AM | 1:10PM | 3, 7 |

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); UA United Airlines; PR, Philippine Airlines; TW, T'Way Air; OZ, Asiana Airlines; 7C, Jeju Air; BX, Air Busan • ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

# MARIANAS SOUTHERN AIRWAYS

## INITIAL DAILY FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF AUGUST 18, 2022

### SAIPAN TO TINIAN

| DEPARTS | ARRIVES | FREQUENCY |
|---|---|---|
| 7:00 A.M. | 7:15 A.M. | (Except Sundays) |
| 9:50 A.M. | 10:05 A.M. | |
| 4:00 P.M. | 4:15 P.M. | (Except Saturdays) |

### TINIAN TO SAIPAN

| DEPARTS | ARRIVES | FREQUENCY |
|---|---|---|
| 7:35 A.M. | 7:50 A.M. | (Except Sundays) |
| 10:25 A.M. | 10:40 A.M. | |
| 4:35 P.M. | 4:50 P.M. | (Except Saturdays) |

### SAIPAN TO ROTA

| DEPARTS | ARRIVES | FREQUENCY |
|---|---|---|
| 8:10 A.M. | 8:40 A.M. | |
| 1:45 P.M. | 2:15 P.M. | |

### ROTA TO SAIPAN

| DEPARTS | ARRIVES | FREQUENCY |
|---|---|---|
| 9:00 A.M. | 9:30 A.M. | |
| 2:35 P.M. | 3:05 P.M. | |

### SAIPAN TO GUAM

| DEPARTS | ARRIVES | FREQUENCY |
|---|---|---|
| 11:10 A.M. | 12:00 P.M. | |
| 5:15 P.M. | 6:05 P.M. | |

### GUAM TO SAIPAN

| DEPARTS | ARRIVES | FREQUENCY |
|---|---|---|
| 12:30 P.M. | 1:20 P.M. | |
| 6:40 P.M. | 7:30 P.M. | |

# STAR MARIANAS AIR, INC.

## FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JUNE 1, 2022

### SAIPAN TO ROTA

| FLIGHT # | DEPARTS | ARRIVES | FREQUENCY |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1301 | 8:30 | 9:00 | Daily |
| 1302 | 11:00 | 11:30 | Mon/Wed/Fri |
| 1302 | 12:00 | 12:30 | Tues/Thurs/ Sat/Sun |
| 1303 | 15:30 | 16:00 | Daily |

### ROTA TO SAIPAN

| FLIGHT # | DEPARTS | ARRIVES | FREQUENCY |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3101 | 9:30 | 10:00 | Daily |
| 3102 | 13:00 | 13:30 | Tues/Thurs/ Sat/Sun |
| 3102 | 14:00 | 14:30 | Mon/Wed/Fri |
| 3103 | 16:30 | 17:00 | Daily |

### ROTA TO GUAM

| LIGHT # | DEPARTS | ARRIVES | FREQUENCY |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3401 | 12:00 | 12:30 | Mon/Wed/Fri |

### GUAM TO ROTA

| FLIGHT # | DEPARTS | ARRIVES | FREQUENCY |
|---|---|---|---|
| 4301 | 13:00 | 13:30 | Mon/Wed/Fri |

### SAIPAN TO TINIAN

| FLIGHT # | DEPARTS | ARRIVES | FREQUENCY |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1202 | 8:00 | 8:15 | Daily |
| 1203 | 9:00 | 9:15 | Daily |
| 1204 | 10:00 | 10:15 | Daily |
| 1208 | 14:00 | 14:15 | Daily |
| 1209 | 15:00 | 15:15 | Daily |
| 1210 | 16:00 | 16:15 | Daily |
| 1211 | 17:00 | 17:15 | Daily |

### TINIAN TO SAIPAN

| FLIGHT # | DEPARTS | ARRIVES | FREQUENCY |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2102 | 8:30 | 8:45 | Daily |
| 2103 | 9:30 | 9:45 | Daily |
| 2104 | 10:30 | 10:45 | Daily |
| 2108 | 14:30 | 14:45 | Daily |
| 2109 | 15:30 | 15:45 | Daily |
| 2110 | 16:30 | 16:45 | Daily |
| 2111 | 17:30 | 17:45 | Daily |

# Life & Style

## Nick Carter remembers his 'baby brother' Aaron Carter

**NEW YORK** (AP)—The day after 34-year-old singer Aaron Carter was found dead at his home in Southern California, Nick Carter, the Backstreet Boys member, remembered his younger brother, saying that despite "a complicated relationship," his love for him "never ever faded."

In a posting Sunday on Instagram with photos of the two through the years, Nick Carter said his heart was broken after the death of the youngest of five Carter siblings, whom he called his "baby brother."

"My heart has been broken today," wrote Carter. "Even though my brother and I have had a complicated relationship, my love for him has never ever faded. I have always held onto the hope that he would somehow, someday want to walk a healthy path and eventually find the help that he so desperately needed."

Deputies responded around 11 a.m. Saturday following reports of a medical emergency at Carter's home in Lancaster, California. Authorities said a house sitter found a man in the bathtub in the home and resuscitation efforts were unsuccessful.

Carter had struggled with substance abuse and mental health. In 2017, he attended rehab and was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence and marijuana charges. In 2019, Carter said on an episode of the talk show "The Doctors" that he was taking medication for acute anxiety, manic depression and multiple personality disorder. That same year, Nick and Angel, Aaron's twin sister, said they filed a restraining order against Aaron.

In September, Carter said he went into rehab for the fifth time in the hopes of regaining custody of his young son, Prince, with his fiancé Melanie Martin. At the time, Prince was under the court-ordered care of Martin's mother.

AP

Singer Aaron Carter arrives at a premiere of "Saints & Strangers" at the Saban Theater in Beverly Hills, Calif., Nov. 9, 2015.

"Sometimes we want to blame someone or something for a loss. But the truth is that addiction and mental illness is the real villain here," Nick Carter wrote in the post. "I will miss my brother more than anyone will ever know. I love you Chizz, now you get a chance to finally have some peace you could never find here on earth. God, Please take care of my baby brother."

In 2012, their sister, Leslie Carter, died after falling in the shower in 2012 at the age of 25. Authorities said she had suffered an overdose from prescription medication. Carter once said he felt his family partly blamed him for her death.

## 'Black Adam' tops box office again on quiet weekend

**NEW YORK** (AP)—On a quiet weekend in movie theaters before the upcoming release of "Black Panther: Wakanda Forever," Warner Bros.' "Black Adam" topped the box office for the third straight weekend with $18.5 million in ticket sales, according to studio estimates Sunday.

"Black Adam," Dwayne Johnson's bid to launch a new DC Films superpower, has surpassed $300 million globally in three weeks of release, including a domestic tally of $137.4 million. That puts the $195 million-budgeted film—the third film this year to lead the box office three consecutive weeks—on a trajectory to likely surpass the $366 million that "Shazam!" grossed in 2019, but less certain to notch a profit in its theatrical run.

When Walt Disney Co.'s "Black Panther: Wakanda Forever" lands in theaters Thursday, it's expected to score one of the biggest opening weekends of the year. Ryan Coogler's original debuted with more than $200 million in U.S. and Canadian theaters in 2018, and forecasts suggest it could open with around $175 million.

With "Wakanda Forever" looming, only one new film opened in wide release: "One Piece Film: Red," distributed by Sony Picture's anime division, Crunchyroll. The Japanese anime sequel, part of the "One Piece" franchise, debuted in second place with $9.5 million. While not as robust as the openings of Crunchyroll's "Dragon Ball Super: Super Hero, which garnered, $21.1 million in August, or Funimation's "Jujutsu Kaisen 0: The Movie," which earned $18 million in March, "Red" again showed that anime is proving an uncommonly dependable draw in North American theaters. The 15th film in the franchise but the first to be released widely in the U.S., "Red" attracted an especially young audience, with about 75% of ticket buyers between ages 18-34.

Third place went to "Ticket to Paradise," the George Clooney and Julia Roberts romantic comedy. The Universal Pictures release collected $8.5 million in its third weekend, bringing the $60 million-budgeted rom-com's cumulative total to $46.7 million domestically and $137.2 million worldwide. For a genre that's struggled in theaters in recent years, "Ticket to Paradise" is showing staying power, especially as the favored choice for older audiences.

Even with Halloween coming and going, Paramount Pictures' "Smile" also continued to hold well in theaters. In its sixth week of release, the horror flick added another $4 million to bring it to $99.1 million overall.

Some of the year's top Oscar contenders have struggled to make much of an impact in wide release. James Gray's "Armageddon Time," a coming-of-age tale set in 1980s New York, expanded to 1,006 theaters in its second week, grossing $810,000 for Focus Features. Focus' "Tár," starring Cate Blanchett as a renowned conductor, took in $670,000 in 1,090 theaters for a five-week total of $3.7 million. MGM's "Till," about Mamie Till-Mobley's pursuit of justice for her 14-year-old son, Emmett Till, added $1.9 million in 2,316 theaters for a four-week gross of $6.6 million.

Best of the bunch so far has been Searchlight Pictures' "The Banshees of Inisherin," starring Colin Farrell and Brendan Gleeson as rowing Irish friends. It took in $3 million in 895 locations in its third weekend of release, brining its global total to $10.2 million.

1. "Black Adam," $18.5 million.
2. "One Piece Film: Red," $9.5 million.
3. "Ticket to Paradise," $8.5 million.
4. "Smile," $4 million.
5. "Prey for the Devil," $3.9 million.
6. "Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile," $3.4 million.
7. "The Banshees of Inisherin," $2 million.
8. "Till," $1.9 million.
9. "Halloween End," $1.4 million.
10. "Terrifier 2," $1.2 million.

## Couple's divorce still a raw subject after 10-plus years

**DEAR ABBY:** My parents were married for 22 years. They separated in 2007, and by 2008 the divorce was final. While this was a good thing for both of them, the fallout from their marriage was intense. I won't dig into the ugly details, but they both had their faults, and it was rough.

Since the divorce, Dad has moved on. Sadly, he lost his wife of 13 years suddenly several months ago. Mom still blames Dad for every bad thing that has happened to her since the divorce, even though she chose to quit her job and go on disability, which severely limited her income and options. When Dad's wife died, Mom was almost happy. She said she knew that same grief because of what she went through with the divorce. (It's NOT the same thing.)

I would like to invite Dad to holiday gatherings with the family this year, as he will be alone most of the time, but Mom refuses to come if he is there. How can I help her move on?

**INCLUSIVE IN MICHIGAN**

**DEAR INCLUSIVE: Remember the adage, "You can lead a horse to water but you can't make him drink"? All these years, your mother has nursed her anger as though it was an infant. The only person who can help her "move on" is herself, which she is clearly unwilling to do.**

**Ask your father how he would feel about joining the family during the coming holidays. You may find that he would prefer to avoid her and socialize with friends he and his wife cultivated during their marriage. But please do not allow your mother to dictate whom you can or cannot entertain in your home. If she wishes to stay away, that will be her privilege and her punishment.**

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**DEAR ABBY:** My husband is hard of hearing. No matter what I ask of him or when we have a conversation, he denies I ever spoke to him, asked him to do anything, etc. When I suggest that he may have a hearing problem and should see a doctor, he becomes angry, belligerent and denies there's anything wrong with him.

Our marriage has turned into one big fight. I have asked him to say, "I didn't hear you. Could you repeat that?" when he doesn't hear me, but that hasn't worked. He still flat-out denies that I said anything to him. If I don't hear him clearly, I ask him to repeat what I didn't hear. How can I convince him that he needs a hearing aid before these fights end our marriage?

**ON DEAF EARS IN WEST VIRGINIA**

**DEAR O.D.E.: This is a problem you both should discuss with your husband's doctor, preferably before his next physical. Sadly, his denial is shared by many who equate hearing loss with something to be embarrassed about. I can suggest a "Band-Aid" in the meantime, but without intervention, your husband's problem will progress, and he will find himself increasingly socially isolated. For now, if you want his attention, TOUCH HIS ARM OR SHOULDER before asking him a question. That way he will have to pay attention.**

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*Good advice for everyone – teens to seniors – is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for $8 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)*

### DEAR ABBY

**By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN**

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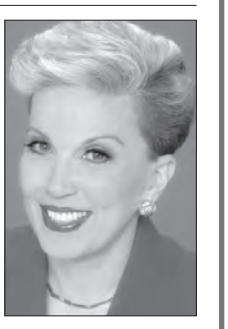

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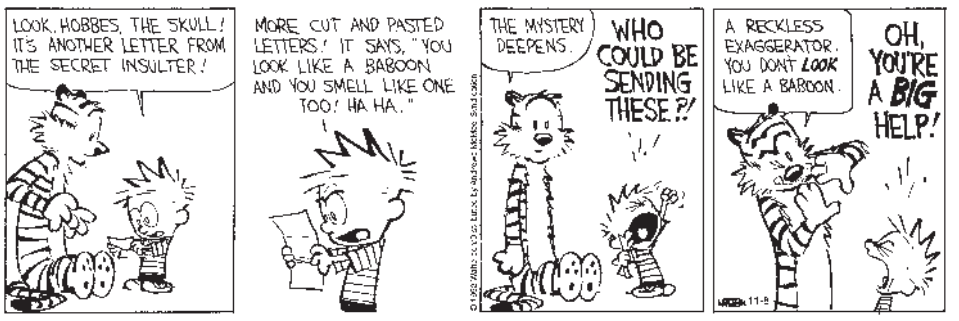
# Pastimes

## Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

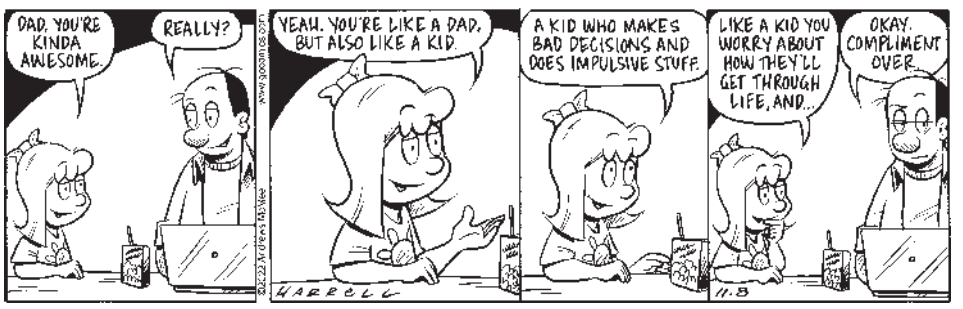

LOOK, HOBBES, THE SKULL! IT'S ANOTHER LETTER FROM THE SECRET INSULTER!
MORE CUT AND PASTED LETTERS! IT SAYS, "YOU LOOK LIKE A BABOON AND YOU SMELL LIKE ONE TOO! HA HA."
THE MYSTERY DEEPENS.
WHO COULD BE SENDING THESE?!
A RECKLESS EXAGGERATOR. YOU DON'T LOOK LIKE A BABOON.
OH, YOU'RE A BIG HELP!

## Garfield®

By Jim Davis

## Adam@home

By Bryan Basset


DAD, YOU'RE KINDA AWESOME.
REALLY?
YEAH. YOU'RE LIKE A DAD, BUT ALSO LIKE A KID.
A KID WHO MAKES BAD DECISIONS AND DOES IMPULSIVE STUFF.
LIKE A KID YOU WORRY ABOUT HOW THEY'LL GET THROUGH LIFE, AND...
OKAY. COMPLIMENT OVER.
HARRELL

## The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

YOUR HONOR, WE DON'T BELIEVE THE SCOTTISH GUY REALLY FLASHED THE PLAINTIFF LIKE SHE CLAIMS.
WE FIND THE DEFENDANT "NOT KILTY."

## CROSSWORD

*By Eugene Sheffer*

**ACROSS**

1 And others (Lat.)
5 Mother of Helios
9 Govt. loan agcy.
12 Actress Turner
13 Optimum
14 A gazillion years
15 Chicken stew
17 East ender?
18 Strike callers
19 Sill
21 Clubs (Abbr.)
24 Fish feature
25 Actress Perlman
26 Glue
30 Skier Tommy
31 Church leader
32 Just out
33 California national park
35 Monster
36 During
37 Travel papers
38 Namely
40 Earth
42 Bird (Pref.)
43 The Volunteer State
48 Buddhist sect
49 Writer Wiesel
50 Desire
51 URL ending
52 Specks
53 Motel amenity

**DOWN**

1 Sprite
2 Pitch
3 Blackbird
4 Gap
5 Recipe meas.
6 Name on a toy truck
7 Jargon suffix
8 Monet's studio
9 Young plants
10 McEnroe's rival
11 Novelist Rice
16 Mornings, briefly
20 Golfer Ernie
21 Multitude
22 "Scram!"
23 Vacillating
24 Clarified butter
26 "Put — on it!"
27 Banned pesticide
28 Actress Farmiga
29 Flock females
31 Sent forth
34 Brit. record label
35 Preps for a bodybuilding competition
37 Compete
38 Brand of tea
39 Done with
40 Tizzy
41 Singles
44 "Xanadu" band
45 "No seats" sign
46 Swelled head
47 Sushi fish

**Solution time: 22 mins.**

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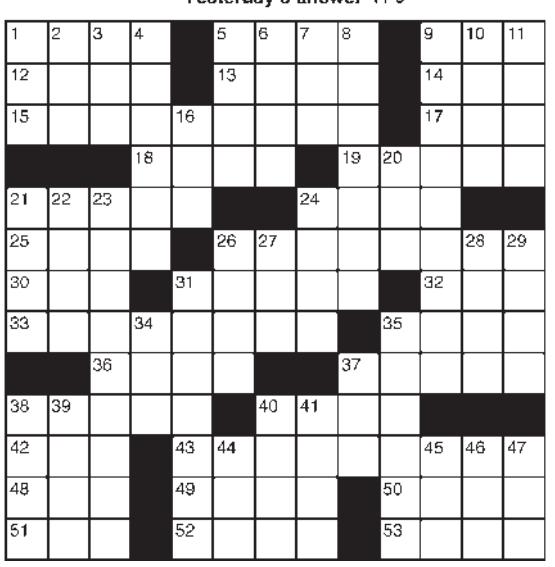
**Yesterday's answer 11-8**



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**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Jack Osbourne, 37; Dania Ramirez, 43; Parker Posey, 54; Courtney Thorne-Smith, 55.

**Happy Birthday:** Uncertainty and confusion will slow you down, but preparation will get you in the zone and on the road to victory. Plan your actions, organize and consider all your options. Let your creative imagination help you develop a unique, doable plan that encourages you to use your skills, experience and knowledge to do the best job possible. Live life your way. Your numbers are 5, 12, 20, 26, 31, 38, 43.

**ARIES** *(March 21-April 19):* Be quiet about your expenses, earnings and contractual matters. Don't give anyone the upper hand or private information that might influence your reputation. Put your energy into closing any gaps that can cause disruption, loss or ill health. Self-control will pay off. ✪✪✪

**TAURUS** *(April 20-May 20):* A last-minute change will leave you questioning what to do next. Separate yourself from your emotions regarding work responsibilities, and you'll find it easier to do what others expect. Leave nothing to chance. ✪✪✪

**GEMINI** *(May 21-June 20):* Don't be fooled by someone trying to take advantage of you. A disciplined approach to your responsibilities will bring the best results. Put your energy and effort in high gear and rely on your ability to get things done by yourself. ✪✪✪

**CANCER** *(June 21-July 22):* Experience is the best education for something you've never done. Take a hands-on approach and see what happens. Gravitate toward what comes naturally; you will thrive. Self-improvement, socializing, spirituality and romance are on the rise. ✪✪✪✪

**LEO** *(July 23-Aug. 22):* You may desire change, but before you adopt a new path, consider the cost and time involved. Do your research before you set out to conquer the world. Baby steps will help you maintain a steady pace and affordable budget. ✪✪

**VIRGO** *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* You'll learn plenty if you participate in conferences, events or group projects. Consider who does what best, then delegate jobs accordingly, and you will find it easier to succeed at what you set out to achieve. Personal gain is within reach. ✪✪✪✪✪

**LIBRA** *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* Make your mind up and follow through with your decisions. Dedicate time and energy to learning and preparing to pursue and achieve your goal. Keep an eye on those you live and work alongside, and you'll recognize your role in ensuring success. ✪✪✪

**SCORPIO** *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* Don't limit what you can do because of complaints or someone trying to monopolize your time and services. Stay focused on what's important to you. Budget wisely and change only what's necessary. ✪✪✪

**SAGITTARIUS** *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* Don't start something you cannot finish. Put your effort into something that has meaning and reflects what you care about most. Be secretive regarding your plans to deter others from interfering in your business. ✪✪✪

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**CAPRICORN** *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* The sky's the limit. Look at the possibilities and make your move. Tuning in to what's flowing will help you get things done with ease and win favors from those who have something you want. A disappointment will turn into relief. ✪✪✪✪✪

**AQUARIUS** *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* Step back and distance yourself from disagreeable people. Move toward groups and projects that are akin to your way of thinking and will help you line up comrades just as eager to achieve the same goal as you. ✪✪

**PISCES** *(Feb. 19-March 20):* Have faith in your ability to persuade others to see and do things your way. A financial gain looks promising and will prompt you to donate to something that matters to you. A commitment will transcend into you being able to execute personal plans. ✪✪✪✪

**Birthday Baby:** You are dedicated, ambitious and unusual. You are impulsive and extravagant.

*✪: Avoid conflicts; work behind the scenes. ✪✪: You can accomplish, but don't rely on others. ✪✪✪: Focus and you'll reach your goals. ✪✪✪✪: Aim high; start new projects. ✪✪✪✪✪: Nothing can stop you; go for gold.*

# SUDOKU

**Conceptis Sudoku** *By Dave Green*

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

**Last Friday's Answer**

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Difficulty Level ★★ 11/08

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## WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

**HOW TO PLAY:** All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the **WONDERWORD.**

**DESIGNING ADS ONLINE** Solution: 8 letters

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**Yesterday's Answer: Dog Sleds**

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# Jets shut down Josh Allen in 20-17 win over rival Bills

**EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J.** (AP)—The Jets' defense shut down Josh Allen, Zach Wilson threw a touchdown pass and Greg Zuerlein kicked a go-ahead 28-yard field goal with 1:43 remaining to lift New York to a stunning 20-17 victory over the Buffalo Bills on Sunday.

With the game tied at 17, the Jets (6-3) got the ball at their own 4 and 7:53 left — and they 6:10 off the clock on a run-heavy 13-play, 86-yard drive that ended with Zuerlein's kick.

Allen got the ball with a chance to tie or win, but couldn't manage much against the Jets, who ended a four-game winning streak for Buffalo (6-2).

Wilson finished 18 of 25 for 154 yards and a TD pass to James Robinson, who scored for the first time since being acquired last week from Jacksonville. Michael Carter had a 6-yard touchdown run.

But the defense did its job against Allen, intercepting him twice and sacking him five times. Allen was 18 of 34 for 205 and picks by Sauce Gardner and Jordan Whitehead. He also ran for two touchdowns.

Wilson and the Jets' offense were marching downfield on their opening drive of the second half when a SkyCam camera whirled out of control and delayed the play on the field for 12 minutes until a camera operator was able to corral it.

Buccaneers 16, Rams 13

In Tampa, Fla., Tom Brady tossed a 1-yard touchdown pass to Cade Otton with 9 seconds remaining, giving Tampa Bay the win over Los Angeles in a sloppy matchup of the past two Super Bowl champions.

Brady took over with 44 seconds left and went 5 of 6 for 60 yards on the game-winning drive, the record 55th of his career. The seven-time Super Bowl champion avoided his first four-game losing streak in 20 years and beat the Rams for the first time in four tries since joining the Bucs (4-5) in 2020.

Cooper Kupp scored on a 69-yard reception in the second quarter and Matt Gay kicked field goals of the 26 and 35 yards after halftime for the Rams (3-5), who looked like they may be able hold on to win when they stopped Brady on downs from the Los Angeles 6 with just under two minutes to go.

But Matthew Stafford, who threw for 158 yards and one TD, was unable to run out the clock on the Rams' final possession.

Brady finished 36 of 58 for 280 yards, becoming the first player in NFL history to throw for more than 100,000 yards in a career. He set a couple more records late: He passed Peyton Manning for the most game-winning drives and matched Manning with his 43rd career fourth-quarter comeback.

Stafford finished 13 of 27 without an interception. Kupp had eight catches for 127 yards.

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New York Jets linebacker Quincy Williams (56) celebrates after an NFL football game against the Buffalo Bills, Sunday, Nov. 6, 2022, in East Rutherford, N.J.

## Chiefs 20, Titans 17, OT

In Kansas City, Mo., Patrick Mahomes ran for the tying touchdown and 2-point conversion late in the fourth quarter, Harrison Butker atoned for two earlier misses by kicking the go-ahead field goal in overtime, and Kansas City beat Tennessee.

Mahomes was 43 of 68 for 446 yards with a touchdown and an interception, and Mecole Hardman also had a TD run, as the Chiefs (6-2) rallied from a 17-9 deficit to beat the Titans for only the second time in the last seven meetings.

Chiefs coach Andy Reid improved to 21-3 coming off a bye by beating a franchise that has long been his nemesis. He was just 2-9 against the Titans, including a 27-3 loss in Nashville last year.

Things were spiraling toward another disappointment the way Derrick Henry was chewing up yardage against the Kansas City defense, and the way the Titans (5-3) were shutting down Mahomes and Co. into the fourth quarter.

## Dolphins 35, Bears 32

In Chicago, Tua Tagovailoa threw for three touchdowns, Tyreek Hill had 143 yards receiving and Miami overcame a record-setting rushing effort by Justin Fields to beat Chicago.

In a game where neither team did much to stop the other, the Dolphins (6-3) had no trouble moving the ball against a gutted defense and made enough plays to come away with their third straight win.

Fields ran for 178 yards, the most by an NFL quarterback in a regular-season game. He had a 61-yard touchdown run and threw for three scores. He also became the first player since at least 1950 with at least 150 yards rushing and three TD passes in a game.

His performance ensured the Bears (3-6) had a chance late, but

## Lions 15, Packers 9

In Detroit, Aaron Rodgers matched a career high with three interceptions and threw an incomplete pass on fourth down from the Detroit 17 in the final minute of Green Bay's loss.

The Lions (2-6) ended a five-game skid.

The Packers (3-6) have lost five straight for the first time since 2008 when Rodgers, the four-time MVP, was a first-year starter.

Detroit tried to seal the victory late in the fourth when coach Dan Campbell went for it on fourth-and-3 from the Green Bay 43. Jared Goff's pass was incomplete.

Rodgers failed to take advantage. He threw four straight incomplete passes to end a lousy game overall. He was 23 of 42 for 291 yards with a TD and had three interceptions for the fifth time in his career.

## Vikings 20, Commanders 17

In Landover, Md., Kirk Cousins threw two touchdown passes, Harrison Smith picked off Taylor Heinicke to set up the tying score and Minnesota rallied to beat Washington and extend its winning streak to six.

Playing his first game at Washington as a visitor, Cousins led a 68-yard drive that ended with a go-ahead field goal by Greg Joseph with 12 seconds left.

Smith's interception midway through the fourth quarter gave the Vikings the ball in the red zone. Cousins connected with Dalvin Cook on a 12-yard TD pass, which was one of his best throws of the game and compensated for some earlier inaccuracies. He finished 22 of 40 for 265 yards.

Justin Jefferson caught Cousins' first TD pass in the first quarter and came down with a 47-yard completion in the fourth. Jefferson finished with seven catches for 115 yards as the

## Seahawks 31, Cardinals 21

In Glendale, Ariz., Geno Smith threw for 275 yards and two touchdowns, rookie Kenneth Walker III ran for 109 yards and two scores and Seattle won its fourth straight.

The NFC West-leading Seahawks (6-3) continued their unexpected rise, while Arizona (3-6) has lost four of five.

The Cardinals grabbed the momentum and a 14-10 lead in the third quarter when Zaven Collins returned an interception 30 yards for a touchdown.

But Seattle scored the next 14 points, taking the lead for good late in the third quarter on Smith's 9-yard touchdown pass to Tyler Lockett.

Seattle sacked Kyler Murray four times, including two by Uchenna Nwosu, and held the Cardinals to 262 total yards.

The Cardinals lost the first of a three-game stretch against division opponents. Murray threw for 175 yards and two touchdowns.

## Chargers 20, Falcons 17

In Atlanta, Cameron Dicker kicked a game-ending 37-yard field goal three days after being signed as a free agent, lifting Los Angeles over Atlanta.

Dicker, playing his second NFL game, also made a 31-yard field goal with 5:27 left, tying the game at 17. The rookie from Texas was signed to the practice squad Thursday and activated Sunday in place of the injured Dustin Hopkins.

The Chargers (5-3) survived a bizarre fumble by Austin Ekeler with 34 seconds remaining. Ekeler's fumble was recovered by Falcons defensive lineman Ta'Quon Graham, who also fumbled while returning the ball. Chargers left guard Matt Fieler recovered Graham's frumble at the Atlanta 43.

Justin Herbert's 22-yard pass to Joshua Palmer set up Dicker's kick as time expired.

The Falcons (4-5), who began the day in first place in the NFC South, failed to move above .500 for the first time since 2017. Cordarrelle Patterson ran for two touchdowns for Atlanta. Rookie Tyler Allgeier set a career high with 99 yards rushing as the Falcons ran for 201 yards.

## Bengals 42, Panthers 21

In Cincinnati, Joe Mixon rushed for 153 yards and scored five touchdowns as Cincinnati built a 35-0 halftime lead and cruised past Carolina.

Mixon, who came into the game with three TDs all year, scored four times in the first half alone, the first three on short rushes and the fourth on a 12-yard pass from Joe Burrow, who finished 22 for 28 for 206 yards before taking a seat in favor of backup Brandon Allen late in the third quarter.

The Bengals (5-4) bounced back from a horrendous Monday night loss at AFC North rival Cleveland to jump on Carolina (2-7) early and dominate on defense.

Cincinnati allowed P.J. Walker just 9 passing yards and intercepted him twice in the first half, chasing the former XFL quarterback to the bench in favor of Baker Mayfield to start the second.

Meanwhile, Mixon, who came in with zero 100-yard games this season, had 113 yards rushing by halftime. He also caught four passes for 58 yards.

Mixon became the first NFL player with 150-plus yards and four or more touchdowns from scrimmage in the first half of a game since Shaun Alexander did it for the Seahawks in Week 4 of the 2002 season.

## Jaguars 27, Raiders 0

In Jacksonville, Fla., Travis Etienne ran for two touchdowns and Jacksonville finally won a close game, rallying from a 17-point deficit to beat Las Vegas.

It was the second-biggest comeback in franchise history for the Jaguars (3-6).

The Raiders (2-6), who were shut out last week at New Orleans, dominated early. They scored on four of their first five possessions and led 20-7 just before halftime. Davante Adams was unstoppable, catching nine passes for 146 and two scores in the first 30 minutes.

But Jacksonville eventually stiffened against the five-time Pro Bowler, who had one reception for no yards after the break.

Jacksonville's Riley Patterson hit the right upright with 3:03 remaining, giving the Raiders a chance late. But Derek Carr threw high over the middle to Hunter Renfrow on fourth down. Patterson made a 48-yarder with a minute remaining, and the Raiders failed to mount much of a challenge with their final possession.

The victory ended a five-game skid for Jacksonville, which had been 0-6 in one-score games before Sunday. Etienne finished with 109 yards for his third consecutive 100-yard game. Trevor Lawrence completed 25 of 31 passes for 235 yards and a touchdown. Lawrence also scrambled for 53 yards and was charged with a fumble.

## Patriots 26, Colts 3

In Foxborough, Mass., Mac Jones threw a touchdown pass, Nick Folk kicked four field goals and New England had nine sacks in a dominant win over Indianapolis.

The Patriots (5-4) moved above .500 for the first time this season as they head into their bye week.

Linebackers Matt Judon and Josh Uche each had three sacks, leading a defense that held Indianapolis to 121 yards and 0 of 14 on third down.

Jonathan Jones returned an interception 17 yards for a touchdown.

The Colts (3-5-1) have lost three straight and haven't won since quarterback Matt Ryan was benched in favor of second-year player Sam Ehlinger. Under pressure throughout the game, Ehlinger finished 15 of 29 for 103 yards and the late pick-6.

Mac Jones was 20 of 30 for 147 yards.

# Clarkson, Sexton lead surging Jazz past Clippers, 110-102

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—Jordan Clarkson scored 23 points, reserve Collin Sexton added 22 and the Utah Jazz beat the Los Angeles Clippers 110-102 on Sunday night.

The Jazz rallied after blowing a 10-point lead in the first half and trailing by six in the third quarter.

Paul George scored 34 points, the third time in four games that he topped 30, but Los Angeles had its three-game winning streak snapped. George missed shots down the stretch after the Jazz erased the Clippers' four-point lead.

Marcus Morris added 18 points for the Clippers. Kawhi Leonard missed his eighth game while dealing with knee stiffness.

Down by four in the fourth, the Jazz scored nine in a row, capped by Malik Beasley's 3-pointer to take the lead for good. It was part of a 14-2 run that extended Utah's lead to 106-98. Sexton had seven points in the spurt.

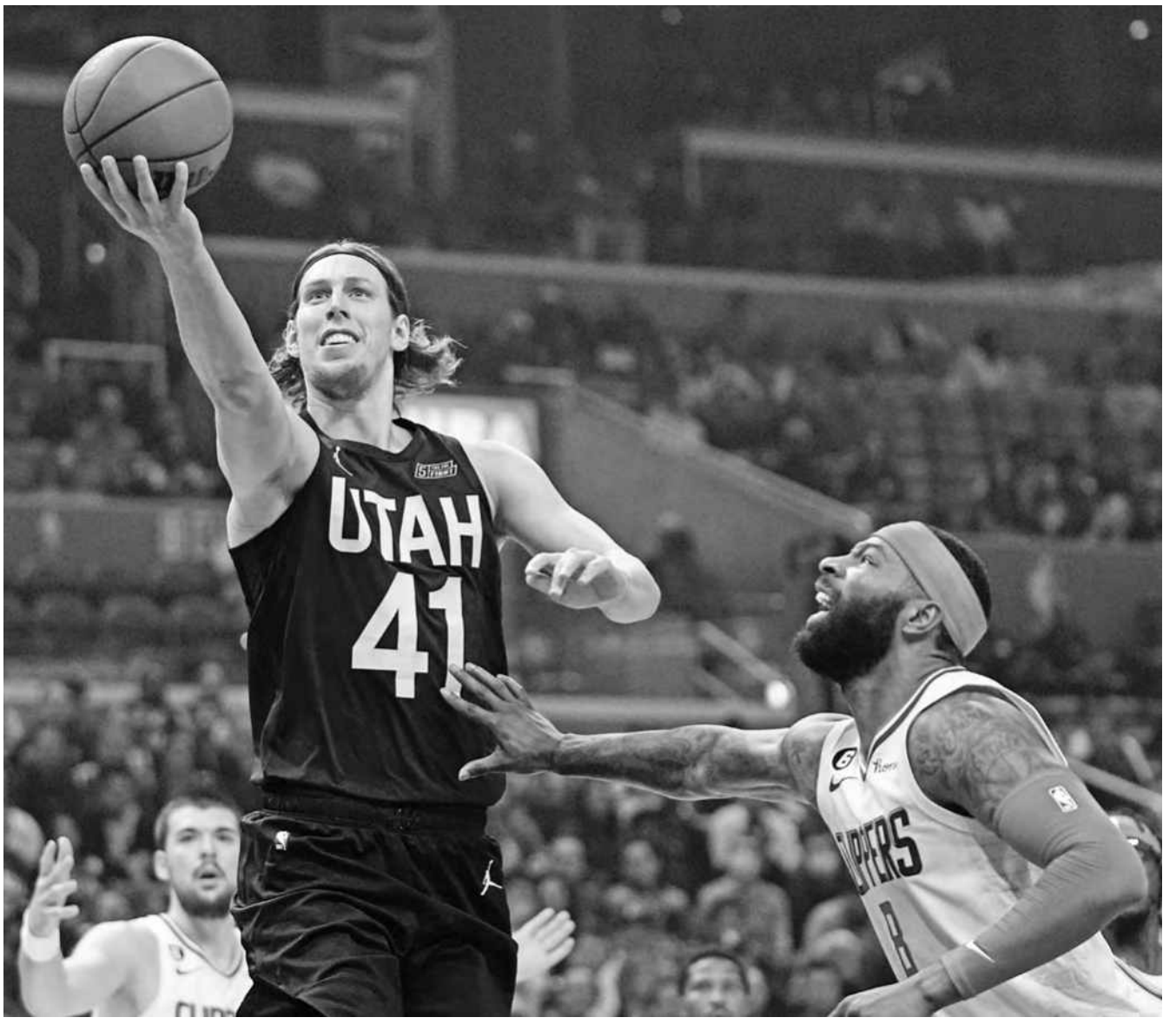
The Clippers pulled within four on a dunk and inside basket by Ivica Zubac before Sexton dunked with 54 seconds left.

Sexton fed Lauri Markkanen for an inside basket in the closing seconds. Markkanen finished with 18 points and nine rebounds.

Clarkson's 3-pointer early in the fourth tied it at 87-all.

The Clippers scored the first seven points of the third to pull into a 63-all tie. They closed within two five times before John Wall's steal and basket forced an 81-all tie.

Wall followed with a dunk that put the Clippers ahead for the first time since the first quarter.



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Utah Jazz forward Kelly Olynyk, left, shoots as Los Angeles Clippers forward Marcus Morris Sr. defends during the first half of an NBA basketball play-in tournament game Sunday, Nov. 6, 2022, in Los Angeles.

The Jazz took an 84-83 led on Clarkson's 3-pointer before Wall scored again, sending the Clippers into the fourth leading by one point.

George's 3 drew the Clippers within one before the Jazz closed on a 13-7 run to go into halftime leading 63-56. Markkanen scored 11 of Utah's points in the spurt when he made all five of his free-throw attempts.

### Cavaliers 114, Lakers 110

In Los Angeles, Donovan Mitchell scored 33 points and Darius Garland added 24 in the dynamic Cleveland backcourt's return from injury absences, and the Cavaliers rolled past LeBron James and the Los Angeles Lakers 114-100 Sunday for their eighth consecutive victory.

Jarrett Allen added 16 points to back the Cleveland guards' latest two-man show while the Cavs improved to 8-1, extending their longest winning streak since a 13-game run in late 2017 during James' final season with the team.

James scored 27 points, but lost to his hometown Cavaliers for only the second time in 19 meetings during his 20-year NBA career. He took his only other loss in March 2011 while with Miami.

Anthony Davis had 19 points and 12 rebounds for the Lakers, who dropped to 2-7 with their second straight home defeat. Russell Westbrook had 19 points and 10 assists with seven turnovers in another lively performance as a reserve, but the Lakers had no defensive answers for Mitchell or Garland.

### Raptors 113, Bulls 104

In Toronto, Fred VanVleet returned from injury with season highs of 30 points and 11 assists, Scottie Barnes had 19 points and 10 rebounds, and Toronto overcame the absence of leading scorer Pascal Siakam to beat Chicago.

VanVleet returned after missing three games because of a sore lower back.

O.G. Anunoby scored 22 points, Gary Trent Jr. had 12 and Christian Koloko added a career-high 11.

Nikola Vucevic had 18 points and 12 rebounds, Alex Caruso had 11 rebounds and 11 assists and DeMar DeRozan scored 20 points for the Bulls, who lost their second straight.

### Grizzlies 103, Wizards 97

In Memphis, Tenn., Desmond Bane scored 28 points, Ja Morant added 23 points, nine rebounds and six assists, and Memphis held on to beat Washington.

After Washington rallied in the third quarter, the teams exchanged leads early in the fourth. Memphis went on a 9-0 run, with Morant scoring six, and the Grizzlies held on for their third straight win.

The Wizards were without leading scorer Bradley Beal, who was in the league's health and safety protocols, eliminating 21.6 points and 5.7 assists from the Washington lineup.

Monte Morris had 18 points for the Wizards, while Rui Hachimura scored 15 and keyed a third-quarter Washington rally. Kyle Kuzma and Will Barton finished with 12 points apiece.

# Astros' offseason involves Baker contract, free agents

**HOUSTON** (AP)—The Houston Astros may have won their second World Series in six years and been a consistent presence in the playoffs, but there are a lot of questions the team will need to address in the offseason.

Manager Dusty Baker and general manager James Click aren't yet under contract. Several top players are free agents. Despite all of this, oddsmakers still expect the Astros to be one of the favorites to win it all next season. FanDuel Sportsbook has the team with the second-best odds to win the 2023 World Series behind the Los Angeles Dodgers.

The 73-year-old Baker won his first title in his 25th season as a major league manager Saturday night when the Astros dispatched Philadelphia in six games. He's not thinking of calling it quits, even if he is the oldest manager to ever win a title.

"I've always said if I win one, I want to win two," he said.

When pressed about his contract status and the future, Baker interjected and said things weren't uncertain on his end.

"I just want to live. Live and everything will be taken care of," he told The Associated Press. "I ain't worried about none of that. I'm just going to enjoy today and I'm sure it will be taken care of."

Team owner Jim Crane said he'll address what's to come for Baker and Click next week.

Houston's first title came in 2017, one that was tainted by a sign-stealing scandal that cost manager A.J. Hinch and general manager Jeff Luhnow their jobs, making way for Baker's return to baseball. The baseball lifer was the strong leader the team needed to deal with the outside vitriol.

"I think that's what drove this team," he said. "That's what motivated them. The boos and the jeers that we got all over the country, it bothered these guys, but it also motivated them at the same time. And it wasn't an us against the world thing. It was more of a come together even closer type thing.

"And what happened before, it doesn't ever pass over completely," he said. "But we have turned the page and hopefully we'll continue this run."

Then there's the issue of which players stick around. Ace Justin Verlander is expected to decline his $25 million player option for next season and become a free agent in the next few days.

Crane said he is hopeful the Astros can keep him after his remarkable comeback from Tommy John surgery this season. Verlander is expected to win his third Cy Young award after leading the majors with a career-low 1.75 ERA and topping the American League with 18 wins following an almost two-year layoff.

The 39-year-old didn't address his future after Saturday's win but did reflect on his path back to the game.

"If I could have a pen and paper and have written out exactly what I would have wished would happen through my rehab and my first season back from Tommy John, I don't know if I would have changed a thing," he said.

First baseman Yuli Gurriel, who has started for Houston since 2016, is a free agent. The 38-year-old had a down regular season after winning the AL batting title in 2021. He heated up in the postseason before a knee injury knocked him out for Game 6 of the World Series, and said Saturday that he'd like to return next season.

Left fielder Michael Brantley, who missed most of the season with a shoulder injury, is also a free agent, as well as utility player Aledmyz Díaz and catchers Christian Vázquez and Jason Castro.

On the pitching side, reliever Rafael Montero, a key member of an Astros bullpen that held opponents to an 0.83 ERA in the postseason, is a free agent.

While the Astros could face several changes this offseason, one position where they look to be set for years is at shortstop. Rookie Jeremy Peña followed up a solid regular season with a remarkable performance in the playoffs that earned him MVP of both the AL Championship Series and the World Series.

The 25-year-old hit .400 in the World Series to become the first rookie position player to win the series' MVP award. He filled in seamlessly for two-time All-Star Carlos Correa, who signed with Minnesota last offseason.

"You have to make tough decisions in this job, and Jeremy's making it look like it was an easy decision, and it wasn't," Click said. "Carlos is a great player, and he's been a huge part of this franchise. But to do what Jeremy did, to step in and elevate his game in the playoffs, it just speaks to his hard work, his character and the talent that he has. There's not that many special guys on the planet that can do what he just did."

Peña is looking forward to building on what he did this season.

"This is what we expect in the organization," he said. "We built a culture on winning, and every year we show up and try to win every single ball game. We just try to win."

# 1st Open & Masters Cross Country Championship on Nov. 12

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Run Saipan and Northern Marianas Athletics will host the CNMI's Inaugural Open & Masters Cross Country Championship this Saturday, Nov. 12, on the perimeter line of the Francisco M. Palacios/Saipan International Airport.

Unofficially dubbed as the Saipan International Airport Trail Run 2022, it will both have an 8-kilometer and 5-kilometer run.

For the 8K event, which serves as the official NMI Cross Country Championship, medals will be presented for Top 3 male and female in each of these categories—35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, and 60-and-up on top of the open division.

The 5K run, meanwhile, will be Run Saipan's monthly run for November.

Run Saipan president Edward Dela Cruz Jr. said the Saipan International Airport Trail Run 2022 was the brainchild of NMA secretary general Robin Sapong when they were filling out the Run Saipan run calendar for 2022.

"So, Robin and I were thinking of a race for November and initially I was thinking we're gonna do a Suicide Cliff run but reverse because we're gonna start at the top of Suicide Cliff and run a full decline. But he brought up the airport perimeter idea. And that was what [Dr. Ron Snyder] and I did a long time ago a few times and I mapped it and it looks like a great course. He's been wanting to do an airport perimeter running course. I've been wanting to do it and it just seemed like the perfect opportunity to do it," he said.

Fortunately, Dela Cruz said they got the blessing from the Commonwealth Ports Authority to hold the event there and the genesis of the CNMI's Inaugural Open & Masters Cross Country Championship was born.

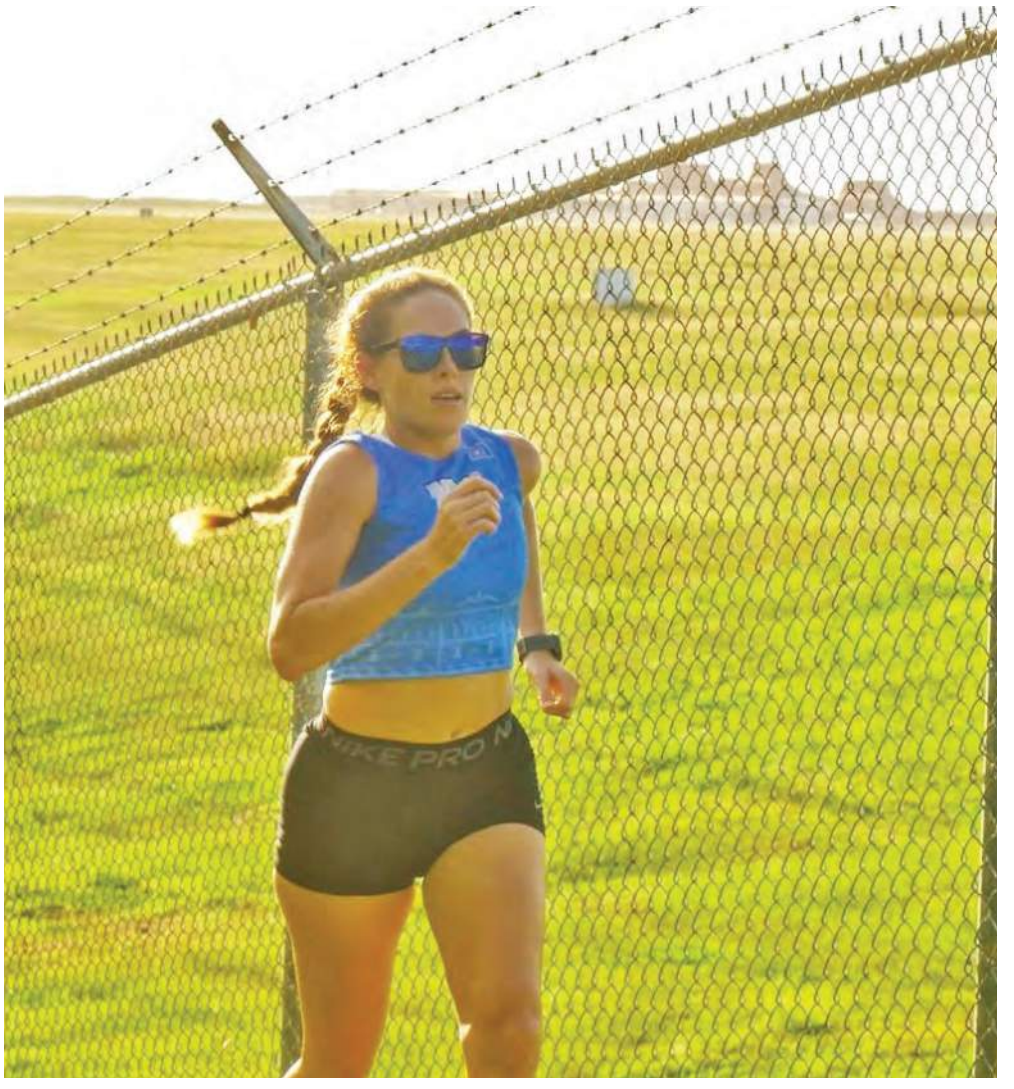
"We then brought it one step further by making it an 8K to meet cross country championship standards and we'll have the 5K for a monthly event at the same time with the 8K portion or their mass athletics. We'll be awarding the medals based on age group so we'll be focusing on open division but also for the first time and we'll be focusing on masters division as well," he added.

Dela Cruz encouraged young and old, fit and trying to be fit to become part of history and join the Saipan International Airport Trail Run 2022.

"This is really going to be one of the longest courses on Saipan where we can run 98% on grass and not have to deal with vehicular traffic. So it's a safer course and everybody gets to run in tall grass and not a lot of winding slopes and curves and all-terrain adversities."

For more information about the Saipan International Airport Trail Run 2022 and the Inaugural Open & Masters Cross Country Championship, email runsaipan@gmail.com or call (670) 287-0891.

The registration link for the Saipan International Airport Trail Run 2022 and the Inaugural Open & Masters Cross Country Championship is https://raceroster.com/events/2022/65931/saipan-international-airport-trail-run-2022?fbclid=IwAR06esKZvpzNGunubd0SJFFFH3-j_j20OWDd-OMyDw-WjvXr_qqc4osSpyH4.



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Mini Games 2022 steeplechase silver medalists Denis Myers runs the perimeter line of the Francisco M. Palacios/Saipan International Airport in a cross country race last year.

## TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

### NBA STANDINGS

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**

**Atlantic Division**

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| Toronto | 6 | 4 | .600 | ½ |
| New York | 4 | 5 | .444 | 2 |
| Brooklyn | 4 | 6 | .400 | 2½ |
| Philadelphia | 4 | 6 | .400 | 2½ |

**Southeast Division**

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| Atlanta | 6 | 3 | .667 | — |
| Washington | 4 | 6 | .400 | 2½ |
| Miami | 4 | 6 | .400 | 2½ |
| Charlotte | 3 | 7 | .300 | 3½ |
| Orlando | 2 | 8 | .200 | 4½ |

**Central Division**

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| Milwaukee | 9 | 0 | 1.000 | — |
| Cleveland | 8 | 1 | .889 | 1 |
| Chicago | 5 | 6 | .455 | 5 |
| Indiana | 4 | 5 | .444 | 5 |
| Detroit | 2 | 8 | .200 | 7½ |

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

**Southwest Division**

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| Memphis | 7 | 3 | .700 | — |
| Dallas | 5 | 3 | .625 | 1 |
| New Orleans | 5 | 4 | .556 | 1½ |
| San Antonio | 5 | 5 | .500 | 2 |
| Houston | 1 | 9 | .100 | 6 |

**Northwest Division**

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| Utah | 8 | 3 | .727 | — |
| Portland | 6 | 3 | .667 | 1 |
| Denver | 6 | 3 | .667 | 1 |
| Minnesota | 5 | 5 | .500 | 2½ |
| Oklahoma City | 4 | 5 | .444 | 3 |

**Pacific Division**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Phoenix | 7 | 2 | .778 | — |
| L.A. Clippers | 5 | 5 | .500 | 2½ |
| Sacramento | 3 | 5 | .375 | 3½ |
| Golden State | 3 | 7 | .300 | 4½ |
| L.A. Lakers | 2 | 7 | .222 | 5 |

### NFL STANDINGS

**AMERICAN CONFERENCE**

**East**

| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Buffalo | 6 | 2 | 0 | .750 | 220 | 118 |
| Miami | 6 | 3 | 0 | .667 | 213 | 224 |
| N.Y. Jets | 6 | 3 | 0 | .667 | 196 | 176 |
| New England | 5 | 4 | 0 | .556 | 203 | 166 |
| **South** | | | | | | |
| Tennessee | 5 | 3 | 0 | .625 | 149 | 158 |
| Indianapolis | 3 | 5 | 1 | .389 | 132 | 183 |
| Jacksonville | 3 | 6 | 0 | .333 | 199 | 178 |
| Houston | 1 | 6 | 1 | .188 | 133 | 183 |
| **North** | | | | | | |
| Baltimore | 5 | 3 | 0 | .625 | 208 | 183 |
| Cincinnati | 5 | 4 | 0 | .556 | 228 | 185 |
| Cleveland | 3 | 5 | 0 | .375 | 200 | 199 |
| Pittsburgh | 2 | 6 | 0 | .250 | 120 | 197 |
| **West** | | | | | | |
| Kansas City | 6 | 2 | 0 | .750 | 243 | 189 |
| L.A. Chargers | 5 | 3 | 0 | .625 | 184 | 206 |
| Denver | 3 | 5 | 0 | .375 | 121 | 132 |
| Las Vegas | 2 | 6 | 0 | .250 | 183 | 201 |

**NATIONAL CONFERENCE**

**East**

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Philadelphia | 8 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 225 | 135 |
| Dallas | 6 | 2 | 0 | .750 | 183 | 133 |
| N.Y. Giants | 6 | 2 | 0 | .750 | 163 | 157 |
| Washington | 4 | 5 | 0 | .444 | 159 | 192 |
| **South** | | | | | | |
| Atlanta | 4 | 5 | 0 | .444 | 217 | 225 |
| Tampa Bay | 4 | 5 | 0 | .444 | 162 | 164 |
| New Orleans | 3 | 5 | 0 | .375 | 199 | 200 |
| Carolina | 2 | 7 | 0 | .222 | 179 | 228 |
| **North** | | | | | | |
| Minnesota | 7 | 1 | 0 | .875 | 193 | 161 |
| Chicago | 3 | 6 | 0 | .333 | 187 | 216 |
| Green Bay | 3 | 6 | 0 | .333 | 154 | 188 |
| Detroit | 2 | 6 | 0 | .250 | 188 | 234 |
| **West** | | | | | | |
| Seattle | 6 | 3 | 0 | .667 | 241 | 220 |
| San Francisco | 4 | 4 | 0 | .500 | 176 | 147 |
| L.A. Rams | 3 | 5 | 0 | .375 | 131 | 173 |
| Arizona | 3 | 6 | 0 | .333 | 203 | 241 |

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## TUDELA

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Miss Northern Mariana Islands Earth 2020, Maria Lael Terlaje, won first place as the lone entry in the tall class bikini category respectively.

The 27-year-old Fejeran was greeted with loud cheers and screams from the crowd and said, "to be honest, I wasn't even aware that I had won because the crowd was wild! [And] it wasn't until we went backstage that I had to ask someone what just happened but the feeling was surreal because I started my prep [kind of] late [and] life kept getting in the way which made things difficult."

She recalled the difficulty of preparation and said "there were many times I wanted to drop out [and] just eat an entire pint of ice cream. But I had a really great support team that always held me accountable & made sure I kept my head in the game."

The 2019 Guam's National Bodybuilding Championships bikini bronze medalist added, "I started my prep at about 16 weeks out which is about three months long. Three months of nothing but chicken and broccoli, gallons [and] gallons of water [and] intense training. Luckily, I have a great coach who helps me understand the science behind the meals I eat [and] the training I do."

She was coached by Steve Oshiro who was also her trainer in the 2019 Guam's National Bodybuilding Championships. "My very first competition was in Guam back in 2019. I was probably like 23 [years old] at the time [and] I had plans on competing shortly after but COVID-19 hit [and] everyone's plans for 2020 was pushed back completely. I'm 27 now [and] I've been out [of] the game for two years so competing this year was something I thought I owed to myself. The human body is constantly transforming [and] will give what you ask from it so long as you take care of it."

The female bodybuilder optimistically added, "I also really want to inspire more women in the CNMI to get into this male dominated sport. It's intimidating for sure but it's just as addicting."

"Saipan is my home [and] always will be [and] I look forward to representing my islands in the Pacific Games next year with my team."

In the teen fitness pageant category, Gabrial Johnson won first place and Julony Indalecio won second place, while Amy Alano won first place in the short fitness pageant category as the lone entry respectively.

Dee Clayton, president of the Dee Clayton Classic, thanked the following sponsors for the event which include Megabyte of Saipan, Tan Siu Lin Foundation, Marianas Visitors Authority, Gold's Gym, Latte Built Gym, Saipan World Resort, Rozelle Printing, Top Notch, Power 99, Glushko's Academy of Performing Arts, Foremost, Island Touch by Philip, and Coca-Cola Beverage Micronesia.

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Women competitors of the 2022 Dee Clayton Classic championships pose for a group photo. From left, Ha'ane Isa Fejeran, Christina Tudela, Jastine Doria, Maria Lael Terlaje, Shey Owens, Lady Vanessa Dancoe, Gabrial Johnson, and Julony Indalecio.

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their match. Park capped the tourney with the aforementioned win over Jeon.

In the boys 10, Seung Woo Lee beat both his opponents in the three-player age group. He first defeated Jackson Koning-Fong, 6-0, then won over Cooper Koning-Fong, 6-2, to claim the division.

Results of the girls division and boys 16 doubles will be published in tomorrow's issue of *Saipan Tribune*.

## SHIRLEY'S

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the win for her team as MPU tried but failed to tie it up or take the lead.

With this win, Shirley's FC is at two wins and one loss and MPU have yet to win a game with three losses.

In the first game of the day, Southern United Football Club also defeated Paire Football Club, 2-1.

Keisha Deleon Guerrero scored the two goals for Southern United with one in the first half and one in the second half. Lindsay Davis of Paire scored the lone goal in the 10th minute.

Southern United remained undefeated and on top of the heap with a 3-0 card, while Paire FC dropped its second in three games.

Jets shut down Josh Allen in 20-17 win over rival Bills

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# Lam tops boys 16 in Tan Holdings Tennis Classic

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Unseeded La Hunn Lam beat players as much as four years older than him in ruling the 2022 Tan Holdings Tennis Classic over the weekend at the Crowne Plaza Saipan tennis courts.

The 12-year-old, who last July became the youngest player to see action in Wimbledon, beat top seed David Kwon in the finals last Sunday, 6-1, 6-2, to take home the boys 16 tennis crown.

"I am happy and grateful to win a trophy in the Tan Holdings Tennis Classic. It's amazing and challenging to play matches against good players in under 16. It means a lot to me, thank you very much to coach Jeff [Race] who helps me to improve my games. Also thanks to all my friends, Henry, David, Hye Jin, Tomas, and June who've been playing practice matches with me. It's been a great couple of months to have all these opportunities and make a lot of awesome memories on Saipan," he said.

Lam

Lam, who resides in Mallorca, Spain but is on Saipan to train and represent the CNMI, defeated No. 2 Cody Shimizu in the second round, 6-2, 6-2, after a bye in the opening round.

The boys 14-and-under champion of the 2022 North Pacific Regional Championships in Guam then barged into the semifinals following a 6-1, 6-3 win over fourth seed Simon Tang.

Kwon, meanwhile, also got a bye in the first round before blanking Jack Lindin, 6-0, 6-0, in the second round. He then upended fourth seed June Yu, 7-5, 6-3, in the Final Four to earn the right to face Lam in the championship round.

In the boys 14, Si Woo Lee lived up to his No. 1 seeding by topping the age group.

Lee started the tourney with a 6-2, 6-1 victory over Matthew Hwang. He followed that up with a hard-earned 6-4, 6-7(4), 10-7 win over third seed Tarhir Sharkir. He then overcame Ryan Choi, 6-2, 6-1, to win the championship.

No. 2 seed Jinho Cody Park, meanwhile, beat No. 3 seed Michael Min Joon Jeon, 6-2, 6-2, to reign supreme in the boys 12.

Park debuted strong in his first assignment after dropping James Zhang Xiong, 6-2, 6-1. He then literally had a walk in the park against No. 1 seed Eamon Gani Tang after the latter failed to show up in

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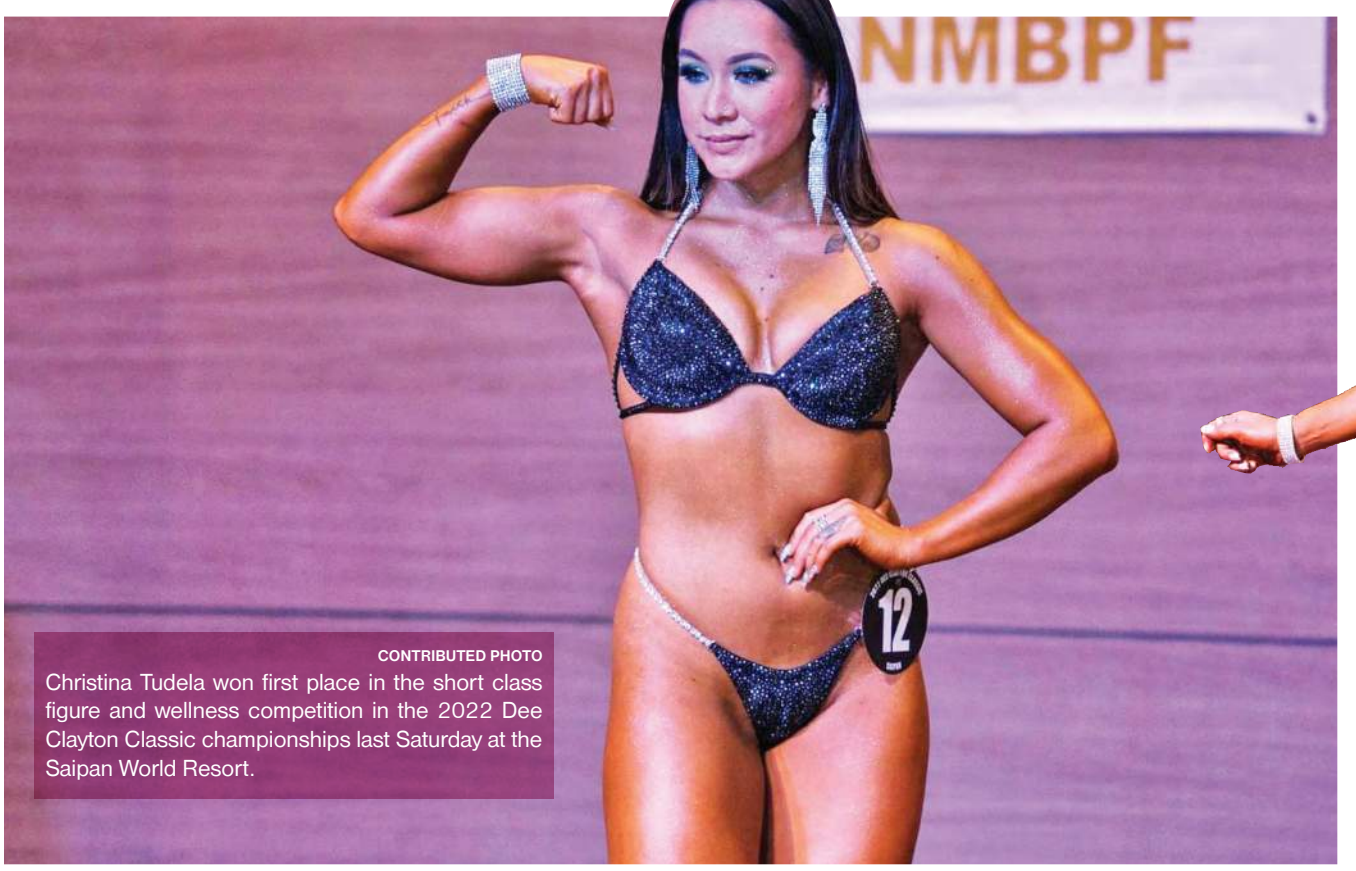
# Tudela, Fejeran top women's competition

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Christina Tudela won first place in the short class figure and wellness competition in the 2022 Dee Clayton Classic championships last Saturday at the Saipan World Resort.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Ha'ane Isa Fejeran won first place in the short class bikini competition in the 2022 Dee Clyton Classic championships last Saturday at the Saipan World Resort.

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Christina Tudela collected two first place wins in the short class figure and wellness categories, while Ha'ane Isa Fejeran topped the short class bikini category in last Saturday's 2022 Dee Clayton Classic at the Saipan World Resort.

The three-year DC Classic competitor Tudela bested one other competitor in the short figure category and was the lone entry in the wellness category.

The 29-year-old single mom was emotional after the competition, saying she "came back and tried harder this year—more focused despite having a really busy home life, work life, and mom life. I just tried to persevere, so this is a really big thing for me."

This was the first time Tudela joined the category of wellness and second time in the figure category. Last year, she placed third in figure and in 2020 won first place for the bikini category.

Jastine Doria placed second after Tudela, with Lady Vanessa Dancoe placing first in the tall figure category. Doria also placed first as the lone entry in the women's physique category.

Ha'ane Isa Fejeran placed first in the short class bikini category, with Shey Owens in second place, while former

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# Shirley's FC outscores MPU FC in women's soccer

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Shirley's Football Club scored one more goal than MPU Football Club to win, 2-1, in Week 3 of the Flores-Pee Luwal (Intermediate) Division A in the 2022 Dove Women's League last Oct. 30 at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

Even with MPU's Rachel Salalila drawing first blood right from the get-go in the first minute, MPU was shut down for the rest of the game as Shirley's defenses tightened.

Marrielle Gariguez of Shirley's FC did not find the net until the 20th minute to tie up the game and in the 44th minute. Her sister, Marilou Arriola, then managed to secure

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
A Shirley's FC player runs after the ball in one of their games during the Flores-Pee Luwal (Intermediate) Division A 2022 Dove Women's League at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.